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CIVIC CONNECTION

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NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS WINS TOP URBAN EDUCATION AWARD IN NATION/ \$500,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Broad Foundation awarded Norfolk Public Schools the “Nobel Prize” of education before a national group of educators on Sept. 20, in Washington, D.C. The ceremony held at the Library of Congress recognized Norfolk with the Broad Prize for Urban Education. The award provides \$500,000 in scholarship money for graduating seniors. Members of City Council, Governor Mark Warner, and Senator George Allen joined School administrators at the ceremony.

“It is gratifying to know that such a prestigious and well respected organization as the Broad Foundation recognizes the tremendous accomplishments of the Norfolk Public School System”, Mayor Paul Fraim said. “The teachers, administrators, support personnel, students and parents should be very proud of this remarkable achievement.”

Other finalists for this year’s Broad Prize were Boston Public Schools, the Aldine Independent School District (outside Houston), the New York City Department of Education, and the San Francisco Unified School District. In 2004 and 2003, Norfolk was selected as one of five finalists for this prestigious award

“It has been an honor just to be named one of the top five urban school districts the last three years,” School Board Chair Theresa Whibley said. “Now, to be named the top urban district in the country is the icing on the cake.”

“This truly is like winning the Nobel Prize,” Superintendent Stephen C. Jones explained. “The accomplishments of our staff and students over the last several years are truly that profound.”

“Closing achievement gaps and improving the performance of all students are our primary focus. Winning the Broad Prize confirms that we have made significant progress in becoming a world-class school district. We owe this all to our staff, students, and community.”

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The Broad Prize is presented annually to an urban school district that has demonstrated considerable success in narrowing achievement gaps between groups of students while improving performance for all.

OCTOBER 1 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION MEANS FREE TREES

On Saturday, October 1st, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the Norfolk Arbor Day Committee will be giving away tree seedlings at various sites around the city in recognition of Norfolk Arbor Day.

The decision to hold the celebration in the fall was made several years ago, since trees grow much better when planted in the fall. "We want the trees we give away to have the best chance possible of surviving after planting," says David Sivyer, City Forester and Chairman of the Arbor Day Committee.

The species available are Black Gum, Eastern Redbud, Golden Rain Tree, and Kousa Dogwood. The tree give away sites, organized by Norfolk Master Gardeners Volunteers, are located at Fred Huette Center, Home Depot (on Military Highway), Larchmont Library, Norfolk Botanical Garden, Ocean View Hardware, Virginia Zoological Park

For more information on Norfolk's Arbor Day, contact David Sivyer, City Forester at 441-2435.

NORFOLK RESIDENTS TO ELECT MAYOR IN 2006

Calling it a "truly historic moment," Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim last month announced that the Department of Justice has approved, by letter, the City's plan to popularly elect the mayor. The plan was developed by a commission following eight meetings and two public hearings and supported by the City's congressional delegation?

This will mark the first time in 85 years that the mayor will be elected by all residents. Fraim pointed out that the mayor will not have any greater power, because "we believe strongly in the Council – Manager form of government," but that "clearly it will be good to have a person run citywide."

Under the plan, the existing ward boundaries will remain the same, with each resident voting for a ward and superward representative, and all residents voting for mayor. The first election will take place in May 2006.



NORFOLK CHOSEN TO LAUNCH NATIONAL CIGARETTE LITTER PREVENTION PROGRAM--THE BUTT STOPS HERE

Keep Norfolk Beautiful (KNB), in partnership with the City of Norfolk, local merchants and civic organizations has launched a new program to reduce cigarette litter at two of Norfolk's busiest shopping/entertainment districts – Wards Corner and downtown. Norfolk is one of 28 cities chosen to participate in the launch of Keep America Beautiful's national Cigarette Litter Prevention Program. Events include the installment of new cigarette litter receptacles (ash urns), distribution of pocket ashtrays and special prize giveaways to smokers caught doing the right thing with their cigarette waste. Utilizing three years of research conducted in 15 other cities by Keep America Beautiful, the program will include enforcement of existing litter laws and increase awareness among employees and patrons through public service messages and visual reminders in local stores using the slogan, "The Butt Stops Here."

Norfolk has been chosen for three reasons, according to Keep America Beautiful Program Director Carrie Gallagher Sussman, "the exemplary programs and leadership of Keep Norfolk Beautiful; Keep America Beautiful's goal of involving a community in this region of the country; and local business and community leadership, all of whom value the attention that will be given to this particular aspect of Keep America Beautiful's effort to educate communities about litter prevention."

Keep America Beautiful launched its three-year Cigarette Litter Prevention Program in 2002 after identifying cigarette litter [cigarettes, packaging and lighting material] as the most littered items found in cleanups around the country. The program's national launch in Norfolk involves a multi-dimensional approach to noticeably reducing cigarette litter. Norfolk became a Keep America Beautiful affiliate in 1979, and enjoys the ongoing support of the City of Norfolk.

"Cigarette litter is definitely a growing problem for our community," said John Keifer, Director of Public Works. "I support the program in Norfolk. We are encouraging business and property owners in the pilot neighborhoods in Wards Corner and along Granby Street in Downtown to become involved in launching the program."

Jim English, chair of the Norfolk Environmental Commission, is heading up the project. "I am thrilled to have this opportunity for my own city to launch the national program," said English. "Working directly with Keep America Beautiful will give Norfolk great visibility as one of only 28 cities chosen for this national launch."

The local results in Norfolk's Ward's Corner and Downtown will provide data to Keep America Beautiful on the effectiveness of the nationally designed program. Local results will provide information needed to rollout the program throughout Norfolk.

Keep Norfolk Beautiful is a program of the Norfolk Environmental Commission (NEC). The NEC is a non-profit organization and a branch of the City of Norfolk Department of Public Works. Its mission is to lead citizens toward environmental stewardship. f the

NORFOLK PRINCIPAL NAMED A FINALIST FOR NATIONAL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Sharon Byrdsong, principal of Azalea Gardens Middle School, has been named one of only three finalists in the 2006 National Middle School Principal of the Year competition. The final selection will be announced this fall. Byrdsong was selected from among principals representing the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Department of State, Overseas Schools. She is being recognized for her extraordinary leadership, commitment to students and staff, service to the community, and contributions to the overall profession of educational leadership.

On August 15, Byrdsong will travel to Arlington, VA to compete in the next round of competition. There she will participate in an hour-long interview before a distinguished panel of judges and will share the strategies implemented at Azalea Gardens Middle School that have led to dramatic increases in student achievement.

As a finalist, Byrdsong will receive an award and a \$1,500 grant; the winner receives a \$5,000 grant. Additionally, all finalists will receive national recognition in various publications and will be honored at the Principals Institute Nov. 11-12, in Washington, D.C. as well as at the NASSP Annual Convention March 17-19, in New Orleans, LA.

Launched in 1993, the National Principal of the Year program is sponsored by MetLife and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). It is designed to annually recognize outstanding middle level and high school principals.

HOMELESSNESS REPORT

The Southside Hampton Roads Regional Taskforce On Homelessness released a report summarizing the impact of homelessness on the region. The report was requested by the Southside Mayors and Chairs, consisting of the Mayors of Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach and the Chairs of the Boards of Supervisors of Isle of Wight and Southampton Counties.

Highlights of the report, entitled "Homelessness in Southside Hampton Roads" include the following:

- 1,806 individuals were homeless in January, 2005.
- 41% of these individuals were families with children.
- There were nearly 1,300 children reported by the public schools to be homeless or in unstable living arrangements in the 2003-2004 school year.
- 22% (more than twice the national average) of homeless individuals were considered "chronic," having spent a continuous 12 months homeless or four or more times in the previous three years.
- \$8.9 million in public funding came to Hampton Roads in the most recent fiscal year for homeless programs. The vast majority, 79% was Federal funding.
- Based on national studies of the cost of chronic homelessness, it is estimated that the public cost of homelessness is \$32 million per year in our region.

- The region has just under 1,700 shelter beds including several hundred temporary beds available only during winter months.

Localities in the region are beginning to shift their focus to permanent housing strategies, an approach demonstrated by research to be more effective than the traditional emergency shelter programs. However, permanent housing remains a small portion of the shelter resources available to serve the homeless.

The Single Room Occupancy (SRO) project under development in Norfolk, will be the first regional SRO in the country and is evidence of the growing regional partnership to end homelessness. This project will permanently house 60 homeless individuals from Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Portsmouth. Additional regional homeless initiatives are in development.

CITY ASSISTS VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

There are thirty-five displaced families that have arrived in the Hampton Roads area currently receiving assistance from the Red Cross. The Red Cross has placed these families in hotels and given them emergency vouchers. Each of these families is potentially eligible for local assistance within the communities that they are residing. Currently, only one of the families has moved to Norfolk.

In anticipation that other families will soon arrive in Norfolk, staff is working closely with the Red Cross to develop procedures for receiving families. This process will include an assessment to determine specific needs of the families in an effort to bring a sense of normalcy into their lives. Also, City staff is on standby this holiday weekend to address emergency shelter needs of other families if others arrive in Norfolk over the holiday weekend.

The City has received a request from the American Red Cross for employees to travel to Mississippi and Louisiana to assist in relief efforts. City employees who meet the Red Cross qualifications are now filling these positions.

DISNEY'S LION KING FOLLOWS IN FOOTSTEPS OF BLOCKBUSTER SHOWS STARTED BY PHANTOM

Baci Worldwide, LLC has been presenting national touring productions of Broadway shows in Norfolk for over 12 years. The ground breaking production of Andrew Lloyd Weber's THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA proved that Norfolk and Hampton Roads could support the ticket prices required for the large musicals and for multiple week engagements of major shows. The 54 performance engagement of "Phantom" grossed \$6.4 million in ticket sales. The City of Norfolk received over \$1 million in direct revenue and the economic impact to the city and region was \$2.3 million. 116,000 patrons attended the performances.

Since "The Phantom of the Opera" opened in November 1995 at Chrysler Hall much has changed in Norfolk. The actors and crew of the touring shows love coming here and enjoy the convenience of MacArthur Center, the hotels, restaurants and shopping.

The Broadway series continues to draw rave reviews in Norfolk. There have been several two week engagements including Disney's Beauty and the Beast, MAMMA MIA and The Producers. Not only do the shows perform great entertainment, but there are also opportunities for students to interact with performers, through programs such as Bravo Broadway. Students have the opportunity to meet the actors, attend workshops and find out more about careers in theater and dance.

The 2005-2006 season promises to be the most exciting season ever, with great Broadway hits including "HAIRSPRAY, JOSEPH and the AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, CHICAGO, RENT and ANNIE.

The season highlight of course is the multi-week engagement of Disney's THE LION KING. This production brings all the excitement, color music and pageantry of the Broadway production to Norfolk. 97 seats will be removed from Chrysler Hall for the actors to reach the stage through the audience and a doorway into the theater is being raised to accommodate the "elephant" Disney requires the theater to adjust to the show so that every patron will experience the very same show that Broadway patrons have enjoyed for years.

Once again, the City of Norfolk is working with BACI WORLDWIDE and Disney to ensure an enjoyable experience for every patron coming to THE LION KING. parking signs will have Lion King logo helping people find parking quickly, restaurants will have special menus, Lion King banners will be seen on city streets, additional police will assist with traffic on nights when several venues have performances. There will be many promotional opportunities for downtown businesses to participate in The Lion King engagement.

As with "Phantom" the 125 actors, management and crew members of THE LION KING become part of our community. They live in hotels and apartments for 7 weeks, eat in our restaurants, shop in grocery stores and retail shops, provide workshops, visit hospitals and in many ways become part of what makes Norfolk great.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

TEA-3 PASSES CONGRESS... H.R. 3 the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-3) has passed Congress after two years of failed attempts to provide a 6-year transportation program. The bill approves \$286 billion for highways and public transit through 2009. Staff will continue to analyze the new legislation along with VDOT and the HRPDC to understand the impacts to the City and Commonwealth. Senators Allen and Warner and Representative Drake were successful in securing earmarks for Virginia and Norfolk.

Some of the initial highlights of interest include:

- Increase return of federal gas taxes to donor states from 90.5 percent to 92 percent by 2008
- \$1.2 million for preliminary engineering and design for VA Beach Blvd. improvements in Norfolk
- \$2.672 million for the HRT Southside Bus Facility in Norfolk
- \$37 million for Segment 1 of the Third Crossing (connects I-564 to Monitor Merrimac Bridge Tunnel)
- \$5 million for Rt. 460 improvements
- \$90 million for the Heartland Corridor rail project from Virginia to Ohio

COMMERCIAL SIGN COMPLIANCE SWEEP

In commercial areas of the City where illegal signs are creating a blighted effect, City inspectors have started a series of sweeps this year with inspections along Virginia Beach Boulevard, the Five Points area, and the approaches to the Homearama site. The goals of the sweeps are to identify violations of the City's Sign Ordinance and bring businesses into compliance.

As part of this inspection process, staff will attempt to make contact with property owners and/or issue courtesy notices requesting voluntary compliance. Owners that do not voluntarily comply with the City's request after the fifteen day time period will receive a formal "Notice of Violation". This formal notice will compel the owner to abate the violation or face legal action.

FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ISSUES IMPACT MUNICIPALITIES

Congress has been gearing up this year to make a wide range of changes to telecommunications policy including internet access, voice over the internet, cable franchising and digital television conversion. One item currently being watched closely is a proposal to scale back a range of state, local and federal telecom regulations. Of particular concern to municipal governments is possible legislation that would allow telephone companies to provide video to customers without obtaining a municipal or state franchise. Two large phone companies, the Bell giants Verizon Communications Inc. and SBC Communications Inc., are planning rollouts of TV service via their broadband networks over the next year. Those companies have argued to state and federal regulators that the requirement to obtain franchises from localities, as cable companies must, has hampered their ability to enter the market.

Congressional action would impact franchising in Virginia by eliminating the necessity for the recent cable franchising legislation being pushed by Verizon at the General Assembly. It is not clear what impact it would have on telecommunications

taxation reform. Verizon has pledged in the past that if tax reform was passed in Virginia, then they would lobby Congress for taxation of voice over the internet (VOIP).

PLANNING DIRECTOR TO PURSUE OTHER CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Tim Polk has announced his resignation effective September 30, 2005. Tim indicated he plans to take some time to explore other professional interests in both the private and public sectors.

Tim has been with the City three years. Those three years have been during a time that has been one of our largest redevelopment spurts and he shared with me how challenging and rewarding he has found his tenure with the City. Tim has been very instrumental in leading several City land use initiatives and his training in architecture has been of benefit to our “new urbanism” efforts. Assistant City Manager Jeff Muzzy will be the Acting Director of Planning until a new director is appointed. It is interesting to note that earlier in Jeff’s career, he was the Director of Planning for Prince George County, Virginia and Westland, Michigan.

NORFOLK AZALEA GARDEN DESIGNATED NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

The United States Department of Interior has officially placed the Norfolk Azalea Garden (Botanical Garden) on the National Register of Historic Places. The 155 acres site with 20 themed gardens traces its roots to a depression era WPA project where the labor was primarily African American females.

Earlier this year, the Botanical Garden was placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register for its local, state and national significance.

ILLEGAL SIGN REMOVAL TRAINING PROGRAM

As a follow-up to the recently adopted ordinance that permit residents to remove illegal signs in the City’s right-of-way, the Department of Public Works is hosting an illegal sign removal training program Saturday, October 1st. The training is scheduled from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the Ernie Morgan Action Center.

The training program’s objectives are as follows: educate residents on identifying the City’s right-of-way; determining what signs can be removed from the right-of-way; educating residents on how to safely remove illegal signs; and determining where to take signs after they have been removed. As part of the training, participants will be asked not to remove political signs. City staff will continue to remove political signs found in the public right-of-way and notify candidate’s headquarters of the violation. Please note that

all residents that successfully complete the training will receive a wallet sign size “illegal sign removal certification” card.

CITY PARTNERS WITH NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY FOR IMPROVED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The City and Norfolk State (NSU) have established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow the NSU Police Department to use the City’s 800 MHz Radio Communications System. The development of this partnership began as a result of a call for assistance from NSU Interim Police Chief, William C. Rice.

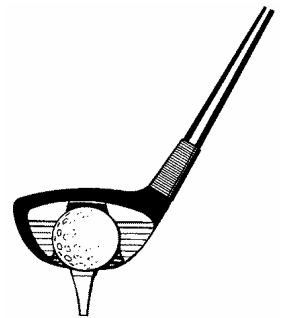
City staff coordinated numerous meetings with NSU and the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), the State agency responsible for communications. These meetings resulted in the state’s approval for sharing resources that laid the foundation for development of the MOU allowing the City to provide NSU Police access to the City’s 800 MHz radio system. The City’s 800 MHz radio system will provide NSU Police the ability to communicate directly with Norfolk’s Emergency Communications Center and Police Department. The system also allows NSU Police to use hand-held radios throughout NSU’s campus as well as within the “concurrent” jurisdiction shared with Norfolk City Police resulting in enhanced response to calls for service on, and in the vicinity of, the campus.

Norfolk State, as part of the MOU, is responsible for funding the cost of radios. City staff and NSU staff will continue to work closely together to identify NSU’s equipment to ensure the success of this partnership. The City has had a comparable arrangement with ODU since 1995.

LAMBERTS POINT COMMUNITY TEES OFF WITH A NEW GOLF COURSE

In July, work was completed on the new Lamberts Point Golf Course, clubhouse and driving range. The course took approximately three years from design to completion. The new nine-hole, 2,800 yard golf course, with a 5800 sq. foot clubhouse sits on a former landfill that has been closed since the 1970s. Environmentalists and City staff determined that because trash emits methane gas, building homes or office complexes on the site was out of the question. As a result, the best use of the land was either a park or a course.

According to Chris Chambers, Design Engineer in the Design Division, “the course is the highest point in the city at 65 ft. above sea level—overlooking the water.” When it comes to playing golf on this course, people think that the view from almost any angle on the course is spectacular. Because the course is so high, players can see the Downtown Norfolk skyline, Virginia Beach Town Center, and Newport News shipyard.



At least six of the nine holes have a water view that is unlike any other point in Norfolk. At one hole, there is a close view of the back of a naval ship, a unique sight for any golf course in the country.

Revenues exceeded the August projections during the first 26 days. The original estimate was \$50,000 for the month of August with actual revenues received by the City of \$66,338.10. Listed below is the financial breakdown of revenue centers at the facility:

Activity	Units of Service	Revenue
Green Fees Paid (without taxes)	2,651	\$32,860.51
Driving Range Sales	1,640	\$18,811.00
Electric Cart Rentals	1,826	\$12,857.52
Memberships	2 paid	\$ 1,809.08
Total		\$66,338.10

For the inquisitive types, August driving range sales equates to approximately 166,000 balls hit.

COMMUNITY OF CARING PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Community of Caring is a pilot program that is research based built around five core values that empower young people to be responsible and caring members of a community. The five core values of Community of Caring are: caring, respect, responsibility, trust, and family. Community of Caring values are interwoven through the existing school curriculum through what is identified as “teachable moments. Additionally, components of the program that may be implemented include:

- Hosting student and community forums
- Identifying and supporting student service learning projects
- Expanding family and community involvement
- Working to create a moral culture

This pilot program is now underway at five school sites: Berkley/Campostella Early Childhood Center, St. Helena Elementary School, Campostella Elementary School, Coronado School and Lake Taylor Middle School. The three elementary schools on the southside along with Coronado School were chosen to participate in the program since they feed into Lake Taylor Middle School. It is envisioned that these universal values will help the students at each of these schools reach their personal potential. If the program achieves its identified goals during this pilot phase, then the program would be

considered for expansion to other NPS school sites as well as City of Norfolk recreation facilities.

REPRESENTATIVE DRAKE BRINGS TASK FORCE TO NORFOLK TO EXAMINE ENERGY POLICY

The House of Representatives' National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Task Force at the request of Representative Thelma Drake held a hearing in Norfolk on September 17. NEPA, which was signed into law in 1970, established the basic framework for integrating environmental considerations into Federal decision-making. This Act, to the fullest extent possible, requires all federal policies, regulations, and laws to be interpreted and administered in accordance with federal environmental protection goals. The Task Force is currently reviewing the role NEPA plays in accessing affordable, domestic energy, building roads and homes, and managing the nation's natural resources.

GOVERNOR WARNER ANNOUNCES 97 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN COVERED BY FAMIS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Governor Mark R. Warner has announced that his challenge to insure every eligible child in Virginia's health insurance program for children of low- and moderate-income families has resulted in health coverage for 131,000 more children, or 97 percent of eligible children. More than 400,000 Virginian children are now covered by Medicaid, FAMIS, or FAMIS Plus. The Governor also announced a new marketing campaign for FAMIS, the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security plan, to keep adding enrollment.

"It's critical for every child in Virginia to have health and wellness coverage," said Governor Warner. "When I promised in my campaign that Virginia should and could insure every eligible child, I was hopeful we could make meaningful program reforms, and work much harder to reach every eligible family. Today, I admit I am amazed at the success we have had. We raised the bar, and then exceeded it with a program that is not only the right thing to do, but makes good economic sense."

When Governor Warner took office in 2002, tens of thousands of children eligible for FAMIS were needlessly going without health insurance and in some cases, medical treatment. Governor Warner pushed for reforms to get more families enrolled in the program. The changes made during the past three years have increased enrollment to cover an additional 131,000 uninsured children. Virginia's FAMIS child health insurance program has gone from being one of the worst performing programs in the country to receiving national recognition.

Governor Warner also announced three new coverage programs for child health insurance.

- FAMIS MOMS is a new program that offers comprehensive prenatal care to pregnant women of any age above the Medicaid income level, up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level. The program features the same, simplified application procedures that have proven successful with the child health insurance programs.
- FAMIS Select is a new premium assistance program for FAMIS. FAMIS Select provides \$100 per month per child to a family that chooses to cover their FAMIS eligible child through employer-sponsored or private health insurance instead of through FAMIS. This allows families to choose the insurance coverage they want and may make it possible for some to buy coverage for the whole family.
- Smiles For Children effectively consolidates pediatric dental services for children through the use of a single Dental Benefits administrator. This program will improve access to dental services for children by increasing the number of providers. In fact, since implementation on July 1, 2005, the Smiles For Children provider network has added 139 new individual providers. Five counties that previously had no participating dentists now have access to dental services.

Governor Warner also launched a new FAMIS marketing campaign featuring a new spokesperson, Julia Melendez, a single, working mother with three daughters on FAMIS. Julia lives in Hampton Roads and has covered her daughters with FAMIS for the past six years. A divorce and a downsizing left Julia without health coverage for her daughters. She turned to FAMIS. The new commercials featuring Julia will begin airing August 29.

A partnership of health plans, provider groups and DMAS spearheaded by Anthem funded the research and development of the new campaign. The campaign will also feature brochures and applications in Spanish. Television and radio commercials in Spanish are planned for this fall.

For more information about FAMIS programs, go to www.famis.org or call 1-866-87FAMIS.

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS BEGIN ON EMINENT DOMAIN LEGISLATION

The House Agriculture Committee, on September 7th, held the first House hearing on eminent domain. As a direct reaction to the *Kelo v. New London* decision, the STOPP Act, or H.R. 3405, would mandate that if a state or local government uses eminent domain for economic development and takes land from one private entity to give to another; that the state or locality will not be eligible to receive federal funding for any projects receiving federal economic development assistance.

The act has received strong bi-partisan support in the House Agriculture Committee, but House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced his own eminent domain legislation, H.R. 3135. Representative Sensenbrenner has made it clear that his committee intends to take the lead on this issue. Sensenbrenner's bill, which boasts 127 co-sponsors, is much broader in scope and is therefore likely to be the final legislative vehicle for eminent domain. Congressional aides have signaled that hearings for this bill would likely take place this fall, but also acknowledged that it is unclear how quickly a bill will move because of activity surrounding Hurricane Katrina.

VDH ADVISES OF HEALTH RISK FROM PET RODENTS

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is asking pet store owners that sell rodents such as mice, hamsters and guinea pigs to take extra precautions to limit the spread of lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV). LCMV is usually carried by wild house mice, but can also affect pet rodents. Those pet rodents can then pass the infection on to humans.

If you currently own or are considering purchasing a pet rodent, or if you have a problem with wild rodents occupying your home, VDH recommends safeguarding yourself and your family from this disease, especially if anyone in your household is pregnant or immuno compromised. Although human infection is rare, there can be serious consequences for the unborn child of a pregnant woman infected during the first or second trimester. Similarly, those with weakened immune systems or individuals preparing to donate organs should also avoid contact with wild and pet rodents.

Health officials have become increasingly concerned with LCMV since May when, in New England, an infection passed from a pet rodent to an organ donor and resulted in the deaths of three recipients of the donated organs. The infection was traced back to a pet rodent distributor in Ohio who supplies hamsters and guinea pigs to chain and independent pet stores in several states, possibly including Virginia.

Pet rodents can become infected with LCMV after coming in contact with wild rodents at a breeding facility, pet store, or at home. Humans can develop LCMV infection from exposure to urine, droppings, saliva, or nesting material of infected rodents. Most people who become infected with the virus do not become ill. Those who do fall ill may



experience symptoms such as fever, stiff neck, lack of appetite, muscle aches, headache, nausea, and vomiting. Symptoms occur one to two weeks after exposure and are usually short in duration.

“Although the risk of humans becoming infected with LCMV is low, and the risk of becoming sick from infection is even lower, pet store owners and those in high-risk categories must take precautions to limit the spread of this disease,” said State Health Commissioner Robert B. Stroube, M.D., M.P.H.

At present there is no way to determine how many or which pet rodents are infected with LCMV. The only reliable test for LCMV in rodents requires that the animals be dead. The investigations at the Ohio distributor and the pet store where the donor bought the implicated rodent identified a small proportion of hamsters and a guinea pig as infected (3 percent of pet rodents tested). There is no way to know what percentage, if any, of other pet rodents are infected. Studies on house mice have shown that anywhere from three to 40 percent are infected.

Testing healthy people for LCMV is not necessary. Similarly, testing people with previous history of LCMV-compatible illness generally is not useful. People who have been exposed to wild or pet rodents and show symptoms of LCMV should seek medical care.

Pet rodent owners should take the following precautions to limit their risk of infection:

- Wash hands with soap and water after handling any rodents or cleaning up pet droppings. Use waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizers when soap is not available.
- Keep pet rodent cages clean and free of soiled bedding. During cleaning, wear rubber, latex, vinyl or nitrile gloves and wash hands thoroughly when you are done. Clean the cage in a well-ventilated area or outside. Once the cage is clean of solid material, rinse it with a dilute bleach solution (one and one-half cups of bleach to one gallon of water) or another household disinfectant.
- Closely supervise young children when cleaning cages, and make sure children wash their hands immediately after handling rodents and rodent caging or bedding.
- Do not kiss pet rodents or hold them close to your face.
- Pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems should avoid contact with any rodents. If you have a household mouse infestation, it should be addressed promptly by a professional pest control company or another member of the household.
- Pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems should keep pet rodents in a separate part of the home and ask another family member or friend to clean the cage and care for the pet.

House mice are the primary carriers of this virus, not pet rodents. If you have a rodent infestation in and around your home, VDH recommends that you take the following precautions to reduce the risk of LCMV infection:

- Seal up rodent entry holes or gaps with steel wool, metal lath or caulk.
- Trap rats and mice by using an appropriate snap trap.
- Clean up rodent food sources and nesting sites and take precautions when cleaning rodent-infected areas.
- Keep wild rodents away from pet rodents.
- Wash hands with soap and water after handling any rodents or cleaning up droppings. Use waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizers when soap is not available.

Pet rodent owners who are concerned about LCMV are reminded not to release unwanted pet rodents into the wild. This increases the risk of infection in wild rodent populations and is an inhumane way to dispose of unwanted house pets.

If you wish to give a pet rodent to another family, be sure they are aware of proper handling procedures and instructions. If you are unable to find the rodents a good home, you should discuss humane disposal of the animal with your veterinarian.

For more information about pet rodent handling instructions, an overview of LCMV, and tips on how to keep your family safe from animal-born diseases, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov and click on the link for Disease Information and Prevention. Additional information about LCMV can also be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/spb/mnpages/dispages/lcmv.htm>.

RAISING A READER CREATES POSITIVE COMMUNITY IMPACT!

Raising A Reader is an initiative aimed to improve the status of school readiness for preschool children in South Hampton Roads. Raising A Reader has completed its second year of operations. During the 2004-2005 academic year, almost 2,200 children and their parents and childcare providers participated.

Raising A Reader uses documented research and then trains parents and childcare providers about early brain development, the importance of sharing and reading books, and techniques of book sharing that engage all adults. Through Raising A Reader, children take home a bright red book bag each week filled with multi-cultural and imaginative books. Each week this year, a total of more than 8,000 books went home to families because of Raising A Reader.

More than 96 percent of parents stated they shared books more often with their children because of the program. At Ida Barbour Early Learning Center there was a 106% increase in the number of parents who shared books with their children 3 or more times a week. On all six school readiness / early literacy indicators analyzed at the end of the program year, children in Raising A Reader out-performed children who were not in the program.

United Way will expand Raising A Reader to more than 3,100 children including preschool children in Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach Public Schools. We



are proud to be shaping the children of today for the community we want in the future. Funding is provided by The Norfolk Foundation, Beazley Foundation, Verizon Foundation, HSBC Inc., Parsons Foundation, USAA Foundation, Head Start, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach Public Schools, Charitable Pledge Processing LTD, and through donations to United Way of South Hampton Roads

COX COMMUNICATIONS NOTIFIES CITY OF RATE INCREASE

Cox Communications has announced effective October 1, 2005 that it will institute a rate increase for Cox Expanded and Standard video services. A price increase was also announced for customers using analog and digital converters, as well as, digital telephone service. The rate increase is needed according to Cox to cover increases in programming, business costs and investments in system technology.

The table below illustrates changes to rates for Limited, Expanded and Cox Standard Service.

Service Type	Current Rate	New Rate	\$ Change
Limited	\$9.31	\$9.31	\$0.00
Expanded	\$31.98	34.04	\$2.06
Cox Standard Service	\$41.29	\$43.35	\$2.06

Cox did not announce any changes in price for high speed internet services. It should also be noted that effective November 16th, STARZ moves to Digital Cable only on Channel 181. Current STARZ analog customers will be made aware of the change by way of a direct mail postcard.

WARDS CORNER TASKFORCE MEETING

The Wards Corner Taskforce that is co-chaired by Councilmembers Don Williams and Barclay Winn held its first meeting since the closing of Uncle Louie's Restaurant on Thursday. The Mayor and chair of NRHA, along with the Police Chief, Directors of Planning, Development and City Manager, along with other City staff attended the meeting. Staff presentations outlined initiatives currently underway that are focusing on economic development, public safety and code enforcement in the greater Wards Corner area. The residents and business owners appear more resolved than ever to improve and revitalize the area.

HEALTH PREPAREDNESS TEAMS

Also, as part of the City's continuous improvement program for emergency preparedness, the Department of Public Health is in the process of forming volunteer Health Preparedness teams. These teams of health professionals will serve a vital role in disaster preparedness and emergency response. The cadre of health professionals serving on these teams will include: physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, EMT's, Veterinarians and mental health professionals.

NORFOLK ONE OF FOUR CITIES TO RECEIVE GRANT

The [Responsible Hospitality Institute](#) has selected the Downtown Norfolk Council to work with them on a demonstration project funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Norfolk is only one of four cities in the country to receive a \$21,000 technical assistance grant, Norfolk will benefit from the collective wisdom as we seek ways to better plan, manage and police our dining and entertainment districts. The grant will help achieve the following objectives:

- Identify emerging issues and trends in dining and entertainment.
- Describe the primary public safety, health and quality of life concerns associated with the growth of hospitality businesses and residential developments in close proximity to one another.
- Document possible regulatory and non-regulatory mechanisms for resolving issues.
- Evaluate and implement an action plan with assistance from the Responsible Hospitality Institute.

NORFOLK RECEIVES \$4.9 MILLION EDUCATION GRANT

By AMY JETER, The Virginian-Pilot

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The school division has been awarded \$4.9 million to try out two ninth-grade reading programs and create ways for high school students to learn in smaller groups. Norfolk was one of 10 districts nationwide chosen for the five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education. There were 48 applicants.

The grant is part of the federal Smaller Learning Communities program, which is meant to promote achievement at large high schools by keeping students in smaller groups.

Four of Norfolk's high schools will offer the literacy programs to freshmen whose reading skills are below their grade level, said Gary Ruegsegger, the division's grants writer. Research firms will study the results.

Lake Taylor High School, which already has such a reading program, will not be involved, Ruegsegger said.

As part of the grant, the district also plans programs to help students make the transition from middle to high school, to encourage professional development for teachers and to help students prepare for careers.

NORFOLK TO HOST DINNER FOR SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The City hosted a dinner for the Virginia Senate Finance Committee during the Committee's three day retreat and issues oriented tour of Hampton Roads from September 21st to September 23rd. In addition to the dinner, Norfolk is included as part of several tour stops including visits to Norview High School, the Ford Plant, Port, and EVMS. The Council has all received invitations to the dinner. It will be important for a good showing as this is an opportunity to interact with the members of the Committee and their staff in an informal setting.

NORFOLK ICON COMES TO LIFE IN UNIQUE SIDEWALK ART AT WATERSIDE MALL

The Waterside Festival Marketplace commissioned local artist Anne Kushnick to create Norfolk's first "sidewalk art" on the floor of its International Food Court.

The "visiting mermaid" emerging from the "water" is the first sidewalk art in Norfolk and is expected to be the beginning of a series of themed paintings done on The Waterside floor. Waterside General Manager, Lane Brown, sought to "bring this unique art form that has gained notoriety in London, New York, and Chicago to Norfolk".

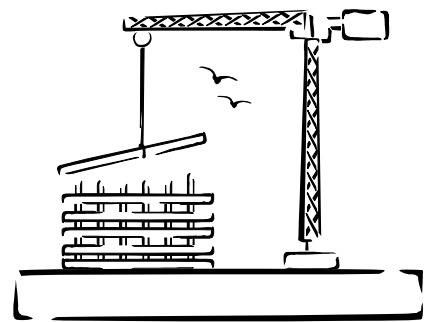
CRANES CHANGE THE SKYLINE

If you haven't looked up lately you may have missed the new additions to the downtown Norfolk skyline. Over the past 2 weeks two tower cranes have been assembled at the Trader Square site. Here are some interesting facts about these two structures:

- Tower Crane No.1 – City Hall Avenue

Current height 260' with a final height of approximately 320'

Boom can carry 21,000 lbs at the outermost point



Designed to handle a wind load of approximately 200 mph
It takes 300 steps to get to the top.

- Tower Crane No. 2 – Plume Street

Current height is 220' with a final height of approximately 280'
Boom can carry 21,000 lbs at the outermost point
Designed to handle a wind load of approximately 200 mph

Reprinted from Downtown Norfolk Council newsletter

SENTINEL CHICKENS IN NORFOLK TESTED POSITIVE FOR EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS AND WEST NILE VIRUS

The Norfolk Department of Public Health has reported a positive sentinel chickens for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) North of interstate 64 off of Granby Street and West Nile Virus in Ballentine Place. These samples were taken on August 29, 2005 and the areas are scheduled for fogging for adult mosquitoes. The Norfolk Vector Control Program has increased surveillance and control activities throughout the city. Vector Control Supervisor, Norman Greffe, urges Norfolk residents, especially people over age 50, to take action to prevent against and protect themselves and their families from mosquito-borne viruses such as EEE and WNV.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus are spread to birds, humans, horses, and other mammals through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Most people bitten by an infected mosquito do not get sick. People who do get sick usually suffer a mild flu-like illness and those over age 50 are at greatest risk of serious illness, such as encephalitis (inflammation of the brain or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord).

The Norfolk Department of Public Health has expanded mosquito control operations by fogging certain areas of the city, dependent on weather conditions, including wind less than 10 mph. Residents are urged to stay indoors when their areas are being fogged. A mosquito hotline – 683-2914 will be updated after 3:00 pm daily for residents about fogging and locations. Vector Control treats standing water before larvae can emerge. Storm drains have already been treated several times this season and will continue.

The Virginia Department of Health recommends the following tips to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:

- Check windows and door screens to ensure that mosquitoes can't enter your home.
- Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing.
- If possible, limit outdoor exposure between dusk and dawn.

- Use insect repellents with the smallest percentage of DEET necessary for the length of time you are exposed to mosquitoes, but no more than 50% for adults and not greater than 30% for children under 12.
- Turn over or remove containers in your yard where water collects, such as old tires, potted plant trays, buckets and toys.
- Eliminate standing water on tarps or flat roofs.
- Clean out birdbaths and wading pools once a week.
- Clean roof gutters and downspout screens.

For more information on mosquito control or to report areas of potential mosquito breeding call Norfolk Vector Control at 683-2840. For information on arboviruses, log onto the Virginia Department of Health Web site at http://vdhweb/WHC/vdh_template_local/ZEEpageInternal.asp

CITY UPDATES

CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED ITEMS

- Council approved funding and implementation of the Pretrial Services Program and the Local Offender Treatment and Supervision Program for the fiscal year 2005-2006 (FY-06).

Background: Under the Virginia Pretrial Services Act (PSA) and Comprehensive Community Corrections Act (CCCA) for Local-Responsible Offenders, a locality must establish a “system” of community-based services for pre-conviction defendants, and post-conviction offenders who are referred by the Courts. Mandated components include substance abuse testing and treatment, electronic monitoring, community service, pretrial services and local probation supervision.

The City of Norfolk’s “system” of services is named Norfolk Criminal Justice Services. Pretrial Services are being provided by the Norfolk Sheriff’s Department. For post-conviction offenders, local probation supervision, community service, and other services are being provided by the Local Offender Treatment and Supervision Program (LOTS).

The Department of Criminal Justice Services has awarded to the City of Norfolk a grant in the amount of \$838,230 in State grant funds for FY-06. The funding level from the State has increased for this fiscal year (FY-06) by the amount of \$109,852. Of this amount, \$355,960 is designated for use by the Pretrial Services Program and \$482,270 is designated for use by the LOTS Program. The LOTS Program was also

provided \$58,000 of local funding support that is included in the FY-06 Operating Budget.

- Council authorized the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Bon Secour-DePaul Medical Center, Inc. at the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center. Bon Secour-DePaul Medical Center, Inc. is proposing to lease 9,300 square feet of space at the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center for the purpose of providing rehabilitative and senior health services.

Bon Secour, as part of this planned relocation to the Fitness and Wellness Center, has agreed to provide resources in support of the Fitness and Wellness Center mission. This level of support will include technical support in the development of programs and services that have a direct benefit for the Fitness and Wellness Center's patrons. Additionally, Fitness and Wellness Center's staff will have the opportunity to work with a network of health professionals.

- Council approved a grant agreement between the City of Norfolk and Virginia Supportive Housing. As part of the FY 2006 budget, City Council appropriated \$500,000 in the Capital Implementation Plan (CIP) for the development of the SRO.

The grant agreement between Virginia Supportive Housing and the City will allow for the following:

- Acquisition of property known as the former Royal Crown Bottling Company located at 705 West 25th Street.
 - Require Virginia Supportive Housing to renovate and improve the property and convert it into a single room occupancy housing initiative based on the conditions approved by City Council.
- Council appropriated the sum of \$94,128 from the Inmate Commissary Account to provide salary and benefits for two full-time Inmate Classification Specialists in the Norfolk City Jail. The funds are derived from the net profits of the operation of the Norfolk City Jail canteen. Sheriff McCabe is authorized to use these proceeds for the benefit of prisoners. The Inmate Classification Specialists provide intake, case management, and classification services that benefit the inmates in the Norfolk City Jail.
 - Council authorized the expenditure of \$110,000 as a result of the recovery of hazardous materials responses (HAZMAT). Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.1-29.21, any funds recovered by the City as reimbursement for costs expended by the Fire Department for Hazmat activities shall be placed into the Fire Department's Hazmat Fund. This account is used for expenses associated with hazardous material incidents such as, training, supplies and equipment.

- Council accepted and appropriated up to \$1 million estimated to be realized from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Forfeited Drug Asset Sharing Program. The program will provide the Norfolk Police Department with funds for law enforcement activities in support of investigations and operations, training, equipment and detention facilities, if and when the monies are received.
- Council approved \$337,500 in a Special Revenue account for the implementation of the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families (CSA) for Fiscal Year 2006 administrative budget and authorizing the employment of four persons. This is a continuation of annual funding for the Norfolk Interagency Consortium, which is the contracting and fiscal office managing services for at-risk youth and families.

Background: The CSA, which came into effect on July 1, 1993, combines eight categorical funding streams in a single funds pool. These funds originate from systems involving Foster Care, Special Education and the Juvenile Courts. Access to the funds is accomplished through the use of interagency teams that involve not only the traditional public offices dealing with troubled youth, but also with parents and private service providers.

The City Council authorized the formation of the Norfolk Interagency Consortium to implement the Comprehensive Services Act in December, 1992. The Act established one of the nation's first comprehensive systems of care for at-risk children.

- Council accepted a grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry, Urban and Community Forestry Program of \$3,230 for equipment in support of Norfolk's annual Arbor Day public tree distribution. The grant requires a 50 percent match that the City will provide through in-kind services of forestry staff and Norfolk Master Gardener Volunteers assisting with Arbor Day activities.

Background: One of the hallmarks of Norfolk's award winning annual Arbor Day celebration is the public tree distribution initiative. Seedlings are grown at the City nursery in partnership with the Norfolk Master Gardeners and are distributed free to the public on Arbor Day. Norfolk Master Gardener Volunteers staff the tree distribution sites and provide tree care and gardening advice to Norfolk's residents. Since 1986, the City has distributed over 70,000 urban tolerant tree seedlings to the public. Many of these trees are now a significant part of Norfolk's urban forest. This grant specifically provides for the purchase of pop-up canopy shelters, advertising banners, tables and chairs for each of six tree distribution sites in the city. In Norfolk, Arbor Day is celebrated on the first Saturday in October.

- Council authorized the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with ACCESS College Foundation at the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center. Access College Foundation, which is formerly known as the Tidewater Scholarship Foundation, has provided scholarship services for Hampton Roads students and families for over 17

years. The Foundation is proposing to lease 2,800 square feet of space at the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center for the purpose of relocating its nonprofit corporation which raises funds and places guidance counselors in public schools.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

NCVB Annual Lunch and Images Scholarship Program. Kudos to the Norfolk Convention and Visitor's Bureau (NCVB) for their commitment to our community's youth. At this year's NCVB's annual luncheon, which was held on Thursday at the Radisson, the NCVB Training and Research Foundation announced the development of a scholarship program for Norfolk's five high schools. The program is aimed at enhancing the knowledge of tourism jobs and the scholarship program will provide opportunities for Norfolk Public School students to pursue career opportunities in the tourism industry.

FIRE AND RESCUE

Update on Greenleaf Drive Fire. The fatal fire that occurred at 1865 Greenleaf Drive resulted in the 7th fire death in Norfolk this year. Fire investigators ruled the fire accidental and placed the cause of the fire on a pan of grease left unattended on the stove. Smoke detectors were present in the apartment that was inspected by NRHA on June 5th. A witness reported hearing a smoke detector sounding early in the fire.

The Department of Fire-Rescue continues to focus their efforts on public fire and life safety education and ensuring that all homes in Norfolk have working smoke detectors. As part of this year's work program, NFR will apply for a federal grant to support expansion of these initiatives.

City Pursuing Grant Funds for New Fire Boat. There was a boat fire on Monday that destroyed a 30' fishing boat on the Chesapeake Bay. Due to the type of equipment needed to fight the blaze in open waters, Norfolk Fire-Rescue was assisted by Portsmouth and Virginia Beach Fire Departments.

The City continues its efforts to secure a new fire boat through the federal Department of Homeland Security. The City originally submitted its Port Security grant application for a \$1.8 million fire boat in April of this year. The \$1.8 million fire boat, if acquired, would enhance the department's capabilities on the water. A decision regarding whether Homeland Security will fund this request should be made before the end of the year.

"Fill the Boot" Campaign A Success. The Norfolk Professional Firefighters Association (IAFF Local 68) raised \$55,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) through the "Fill the Boot" campaign. This was the second highest total raised by firefighters in

Southside Hampton Roads: Chesapeake raised \$63,000; Virginia Beach raised \$54,000; and Suffolk raised \$32,000.

FEMA Team Returns from Gulf Region. The seven Norfolk Fire Rescue (NFR) members who were deployed with the FEMA USAR Task Force VA-2 on August 30th returned on September 6th after performing search and rescue operations in Hancock County, Mississippi (Waveland and Bay St. Louis). This is the location where the eye of Hurricane Katrina came ashore. The team gained valuable experience that will improve the effectiveness of future rescue missions. Additionally, team members have come back with lots of ideas for strengthening our own emergency preparedness efforts. These ideas will be considered as part of the City's ongoing updates to our hurricane preparedness plans.

FEMA Disaster Medical Assistance Team DMAT VA-1 has been fully activated and will be flying out tomorrow morning to relieve another DMAT team that has been operating for the past 1 ½ weeks at a hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi. NFR currently have three staff members that are being deployed as part of this DMAT mission with up to six more employees scheduled for possible deployment to Gulfport.

HUMAN SERVICES

New Center to Improve Service Delivery. It takes a lot of work transforming a long-defunct department store into a functioning unit of city government. Men in hardhats lay down concrete, install electrical wiring, and put up wall supports. What they're building is the city of Norfolk's Workforce Development Center. Located on Little Creek Road at Wards Corner, the former 86,000 square foot Ames building will be making a giant leap forward in government synergy.

Based on a model of a similar center in Ohio, the new "one-stop" will centralize partner agencies throughout the city. This single site will offer a comprehensive array of services to improve service delivery to our customers, maximize resources, and reduce operating costs. It will also make life considerably easier for the residents who participate in these programs, particularly for those who don't have their own transportation or must bring their children.

Participating city departments and local non-profit service organizations relating to workforce development include, but are not limited to: Public Health, Human Services (Operations, Self Sufficiency and Workforce Development, and Child Care), KRA, Eggleston Services, CSB, the Virginia Tidewater Consortium, and the Planning Council.

The agency's presence at the Park Place, Berkley and Huntersville Neighborhood Service Centers will continue, but will take on more of a support role. Eventually, each center may evolve into a kiosk-type environment with informational support and computer/internet access to data.

Norfolk's workforce Development Center will feature a variety of training programs to help participants to develop a range of marketable job skills. The estimated

\$3.85 million center will house approximately 250 human services employees. Projected for completion in early January 2006, Norfolk's Workforce Development Center will go a long way in the fight for speedier, less costly, and more efficient delivery of government services.

Now Playing on TV 48, The Norfolk Neighborhood Network. The Department of Human Services presents *Human Services Forum*, a half-hour informational program hosted by Jan Callaghan that explores the social issues that affect our community.

In September, *Human Services Forum* focuses on issues relating to the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of our elderly and disabled citizens and how legislation is strengthening the state's commitment to addressing these issues.

In October, the topic is adoption and the November launch of Virginia's first **Heart Gallery. The Heart Gallery** is an innovative photographic exhibit designed to promote adoption as an alternative for expanding families. The exhibit will take place at the Norfolk Botanical Garden and feature 75 foster children throughout Hampton Roads who are seeking a permanent place to call home.

Human Services Forum can be viewed daily at 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Norfolk's TV 48, online at www.norfolk.gov.tv48 and on VHF Channel 7 WGBS-TV every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. and 9:30 pm.

Human Services Forum. Tune in, get the facts and get involved!

The United Way Day of Caring. On September 9, 2005, volunteers from local departments, businesses and organizations proved once again just how much they care by reporting to work sites at local nonprofit organizations and public schools to tackle meaningful projects. Department of Human Services volunteers assisted the Tidewater Aids Task Force – TACT – with stocking the pantry, bagging food, and purging office files.

Holidays for Foster Children Project Gets Underway. The holiday season is quickly approaching and the Norfolk Department of Human Services' efforts have begun to ensure that every one of our 360+ children in foster care enjoys a happy holiday. The City of Norfolk relies on the generosity of individuals, businesses, and organizations to achieve this goal. Your support will brighten the heart of a child this holiday season. Please consider donating a new toy, check, or gift certificate to benefit a Norfolk foster child.

You may send your tax-deductible contribution to:
Jill Baker / Holidays for Foster Children Project
Norfolk Department of Human Services
220 W. Brambleton Ave.
Norfolk, VA 23510

The Earned Income Tax Credit. Financial struggles are a part of everyday life for many families in Hampton Roads. They work hard but often live from paycheck to paycheck because they have little, or no, savings and few financial assets. Thus, when a crisis hits home, the resulting financial hardship can be devastating.

Because of the economic hardship such situations can place upon the well being of these families, and thereby, upon the community, we believe that it is important to become involved and focused on strategies for support and assistance. The South Hampton Roads EITC Coalition (SHREITC) invites local businesses, faith-based organizations and community service agencies to get involved in spreading the word about the benefits of the Earned Income Tax Credit. The EITC is a special credit for low-income workers to reduce their federal income tax liability. Those who qualify will owe less in taxes and may be eligible for a bigger refund. The average EITC return for tax year 2005 is \$1800 per working family or individual. Yet one out of every five of those who qualify doesn't even apply for the EITC.

LIBRARIES

Libraries Closed for Air Conditioning Repairs. Air conditioning problems at Blyden Branch Library, Little Creek Branch Library and Lafayette Branch Library prompted their closure on Wednesday, July 27 as room temperatures rose to more than 85 degrees. Patrons of the libraries were encouraged to visit the Main Library or other branch libraries.

The HVAC systems at all three branches are at the end of their useful life cycles. The air conditioning system at Little Creek Branch Library was repaired and the branch re-opened at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 28. Both the Blyden Branch Library and Lafayette Branch Library re-opened on Friday, July 29. Due to the age of the three systems, there is a high probability that these systems will break down again during stretches of extreme heat. Facilities Maintenance staff is in the process of evaluating and assessing the systems.

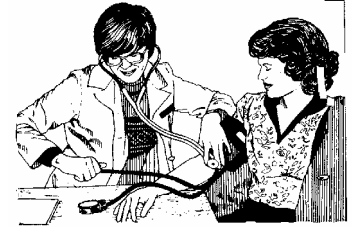
City to Receive National Recognition for Family Place Program. The national "Family Place" project partners will recognize the City with its official banner on Wednesday, October 12 at the Kirn Memorial Library. Family Place, which is in its first year of operation in Norfolk, has been successful in promoting early literacy skills for families with young children.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

Recreation, Parks & Open Space

Where Everyone Spent Friday! The Norfolk Wellness and Fitness Center (NWFC) has certainly lived up to its name. On Friday, August 19, over 160 people attended the 1st “NWFC Health Fair.” The fair, intended to promote wellness throughout the Norfolk community measured cholesterol, blood pressure and offered message therapy through a collaboration with the Norfolk Health Department, the NFWC and Massage Therapist Cecelia Zoby. The event was free and open to the public.

The 1st Mini-Health fair provided a solid starting point for continued collaboration, through health fairs and wellness classes, between the Norfolk Public Health Department and NFWC to promote the wellness theme and vision toward the needs of the patrons and the outcomes of screenings.



NRWC’s “wellness classes” are offered every 2nd week of the month at NRWC. Time of classes: 12:30-1:30. Topics will vary. The Center can be reached at 823-4300 for further information.

“Dan Campbell’s Job is to Help Restore the United States to International Prominence.” The above quote from the Virginian Pilot newspaper published on Wednesday, August 24, 2005 featured an op-ed piece on Boxing Coach Dan Campbell from the Department of Recreation, Parks and Open Space. The piece was published on the event of Mr. Campbell accepting the newly created position as National Director of Coaching for USA Boxing in Colorado Springs , CO.

Campbell had directed Norfolk’s boxing program for 11 years at Barraud Park. His students included boys and girls as young as five years old and senior citizens hoping to retain the precise skills and talents to keep in shape in a sport they enjoy.

His reputation as a tough instructor and straight shooter for the successful Junior Olympics program were cited for his hiring. He will be missed by friends and students, but he will be a reason for Norfolk to be proud. Congratulations Dan!

One Way that Norfolk Becomes Home. When over 800 residents converge at Northside Park, to enjoy pony rides, snow cones, swimming, water games, a talent show, cookouts and sporting contests, you know you have a winning combination of fun, activity, and feeling at home. The Recreation Division ended the month of July with its annual celebration of “July Is Parks and Recreation Month”, a national celebration sponsored by NRPA which honors the recreation professional. All 19 recreation center participated.

Seniors are Involved and Engaged in Life in City. The division’s Senior Centers operate an average of 365 hour per month, greeting and meeting an average of 3,500 residents. This important life enhancing program keeps many Norfolk’s seniors involved and engaged in life in the City. Lately, our seniors have been involved in television interviews on how they are faring during this summer’s extensive heat wave; they have recently participated in TRIAD, where seniors learn how to stay safe and protect their

assets by learning information on the new Medicare's Prescription Drugs; and by participating in the 2005 Berkley Reunion. Ms. Jessie Brown a senior from Southside was Berkley's Grand Marshall. She was introduced by last years Grand Marshall Barbara Dalton.

On a Recent Friday, at 6:30 p.m., While Most People Sat in Backed-up Tunnel Traffic. ..the Fairlawn Recreation center was bustling with their 12th hour activity. Many of the city's centers open their doors at 6:30 a.m. to welcome children who arrive for summer programs, or to wait for the buses that will transport them to their school day. During the day, the hallways buzz with constant commotion and peaks of frenetic activity as Norfolkins from tiny children to esteemed seniors participate in city programs.

So while many workers sweltered in their cars, staring down traffic lights that allowed only five cars through at a time; at the Fairlawn Recreation Center every parking space was occupied, every swing on the playground taken up by a small, laughing body, several games on the playground included bats, baskets, balls and Red Rover line-ups, while inside the center staff, volunteers, parents and children continued the joyful noise of life in this city.

"Good Times" Internet Only Publication Creates Concern. Staff has reported a marked down turn in registration for some classes advertised in the internet-only Good Times publication. While many classes are automatically filled due to waiting lists and repeat clients, the more esoteric, beginner or "new" class lists are going empty.

An additional appeal to the City's libraries asking them to guide residents toward the internet site was issued. Additionally, announcements in the Virginian Pilot will continue to list recreation classes and activities to the public. Signs in the recreation centers will continue to direct residents to class listings.

Recreation staff is meeting regularly to hammer out a financing plan that will allow future publications to be designed, printed and distributed.

Southside Senior Center Highlights for August 23-26, 2005. On Tuesday, five seniors attended the "Triad" presentation on "Schemes, Scams, & Flimflams for Senior Citizens" presented by the Norfolk Sheriff's Office.

On Wednesday, several guest speakers from Metropolitan Funeral Services presented a program on "Advance Planning" and "How to Plan and Carry-Out Your Funeral Arrangements." The 23 seniors in attendance asked many questions.

On Thursday, 32 seniors from the Southside Bridge Club went to Midway Slots in Harrington, Delaware.

On Thursday, 52 seniors and guests enjoyed an end-of-the-summer Fish Fry Luncheon. Fresh fried fish, potato salad, coleslaw, hushpuppies, cake and drinks were served. The seniors enjoy playing table games with friends.

Feeding the Kids. *After more than 30 years of service to the City of Norfolk, G. Gray Puryear will hang up his working hat to don the jaunty cap of retirement.*

Over his time with the City, Gray Puryear has participated in the growth and development of the city's recreation programs; swam with the flow of changing administrative tides; watched different centers built and razed all over the city, and has been a steadfast, dedicated and respected steward of the City.

But there is one program that will carry his distinct signature and that is the "*Summer Meals for Kids Program.*" This USDA program dove-tails the free/reduced fee school lunch program by providing meals during the summertime to children participating in active summer programs. The administrative responsibility of the program involves being a "sponsoring agency" of various sites. Oversight of the program includes submitting the annual grant application; tracking the sites that provide meals; manage the food vendor's contract; monitor the complex delivery schedule; submit the periodic reimbursement requests to USDA; report, monitor and comply with the increasingly complicated policies of the USDA and the Virginia State Department of Health.



What does the Summer Meals for Kids Program mean to the City of Norfolk? According to the latest summer numbers, an awful lot of children ate breakfast and lunch throughout the summer.

A review of the past five years tells the tale.

Summer 2001: For many years, the program was limited to sponsored programs held at the various City of Norfolk Centers only. During the summer of 2001, only 22 centers participated. That year, the "lunch only" program served a total of 32,835 meals for the summer.

Summer 2005: Due to various changes made within the City's management of the program, substantial increases in site participation, breadth of program accessibility, and quantity of meals served added to a surprising 109,668 of meals served to City children.

Grass Cutting Agreement with Second Chances. The Department of Neighborhood and Leisure Services has entered into an agreement with Second Chances to provide additional grass cutting services for vacant lots identified by the City. Additional maintenance services will be provided by the organization at Ann Outten Pond, Lambert's Point Pond, Brambleton Pond and the Old Red Carpet Inn site. The addition of these mowing services will provide staff the ability to better address other landscape maintenance needs.

This agreement has a twofold benefit. In addition to enhancing the City's landscape maintenance, this benefits Second Chances programs. Second Chances is

launching a new company called “Klean Slate”. This micro business will ultimately be owned by former offenders providing clients in the public and private sector with ground maintenance, window cleaning and building maintenance services. Klean Slate was a recipient of a \$35,000 Economic Development Authority equipment grant for business start-up.

Parks and Urban Forestry

On Labor Day weekend, Norfolk traditionally welcomes many visitors to enjoy our beautiful city parks and open spaces, as well as greeting over 38,000 students on their first day back to school. To assure visitors and residents receive a positive reception, the Division of Parks and Urban Forestry performed their annual Labor Day maintenance program. The division cut the grass and serviced the landscape beds at all fifty-one City schools within seven days of school opening. Additionally, all major city parks will likewise be mowed and beds cleared prior to the weekend. In all, 1,100 acres of turf and landscape beds were tended to by the 50 crew members.

Youth Development

Regent University’s Website Highlights Norfolk’s College Tour. Regent University highlighted the Division of Youth Development and the Norfolk Back 2 School Initiative’s annual college/university tour on its website. Regent University was this year’s tour feature and it provided a wonderful opportunity for 15 youth leaders from the region to see what the University offers, including academics, performing arts, and international recognition. Regent Manager of Special Events Jackie Murray led the tour, which wrapped up with the student film “Paper, Rock, Scissors.” Regent Education alum and Director of the Division of Youth Development Gwen Cherry ’91, also added positive comments about the youth’s experience on campus. To read more log onto http://www.regent.edu/news/teen_leaders.html (Campus News).

Youth Conservation Corps Concludes. The 2005 Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program concluded on Friday, August 12th. There was a closing program for participants and YCC partners at the Vivian C. Mason Arts & Technology Center. The program featured an award ceremony, refreshments and special recognition of YCC partners for their support this summer. This year’s program theme was “A Brighter Day.”

“Family Day 2005 - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children” and its national media partner *TV Land & Nick @ Nite*’s Family Table’s national pledge. The goal is to have 10 million individuals celebrate this special observance on September 26 by eating dinner with children.

According to a survey conducted by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA) a teenager who sits down to dinner

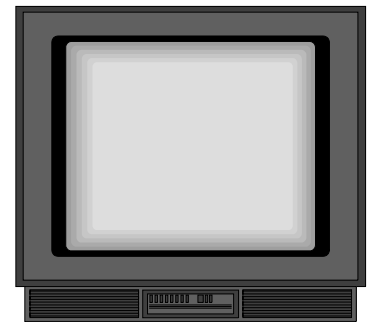
with his or her family seven nights a week is 20 percent less likely to smoke, drink, or use illegal drugs than those that do not. By contrast, teenagers who never eat dinner with their families are 61% more likely to engage in these harmful activities.

To be one of the 10 million folks who pledge, just visit www.tvland.com and submit your name. The web site also provides a list of activities to engage in during the family dinner time. Family Day is not just for families. It is a day for all to celebrate including businesses, unions, religious organizations and community groups.

NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Norfolk's Neighborhood Network to Have Regular Air Slots on Region-Wide Non-cable TV Channel. Norfolk's Neighborhood Network now has regular air slots on our community partner station WGBS-TV7. Here's the weekly schedule:

- ☐ Monday: Norfolk Perspectives with Bob Batcher (produced weekly)
- ☐ Tuesday: Human Services Forum with Jan Callaghan (produced monthly)
- ☐ Wednesday: Norfolk News Now (produced monthly)
- ☐ Thursday: Norfolk Perspectives with Bob Batcher (same as Monday's)
- ☐ Friday: HealthWatch with Terrance Afer-Anderson (produced monthly and may be followed by Norfolk News Now if time allows to fill the half hour slot)
- ☐ Shows will air in the 3 and 9:30pm time slots on designated days.



In addition, NNN specials (NP on Location, Home Remodeling Guide, City Tribute to Negro League Baseball, A Day at the Chrysler, etc.) may air randomly outside of these fixed time slots. This is in addition to programs produced by our municipal partners under the HRTEAMS umbrella (Hampton Roads Television: Educational and Municipal Stations).

WGBS TV-7 is a family oriented community station whose over-the-air signal covers 1.3 million HR households including all of Norfolk. WGBS and NNN have a voluntary relationship that is fast solidifying into a mutually beneficial community building broadcast partnership.

For the past 3 months, WGBS has aired NNN and HRTEAMS programs. The citizen response has been fantastic and has merited this advancement in the broadcast partnership. Non-cabled viewers greatly appreciate seeing community based programs.

Cabled viewers are enjoying it on their non-cabled portable TVs too. Much of the content covered on NNN programs may be of interest to viewers beyond the city (downtown, health, business development, urban planning, social services and more).

The commercial stations and the *Virginian Pilot* have taken notice of WGBS too.

NNN is working to sustain community interest by providing entertaining and informational programs about Norfolk.

Combined with TV-48's cable presence, every Norfolk residence now has the opportunity to see shows about their city...a definite milestone for the City of Norfolk.

PACE SUPPORT SERVICES

The PACE Support Services Meeting was held at the Kirn Memorial Library. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed.

1st Blue Sector

- Sweeps were done to saturate the area to control the drug problem.
- Crime STATS for Blue Sector up 9%
- Year to date homicides are up 4%
- Robberies are down
- Aggravated assaults are up
- A significant amount of car larcenies around Edgewater, Larchmont, Riverview and the 35th and 36th Street areas.
- There is about 11 to 12% of the department retiring; however they are of higher ranks. The lower ranks remaining are providing a cohesive amount of coverage.

1st Red Sector

- This area is the largest land area in the City which consists of six car districts and twenty planning districts.
- Overall crime STATS are down 9%, however homicide has increased.
- During the past 6 months the Red Sector is divided into different groups of officers; Patrol officers who answer the call for the public. 4 Target Officers; 5 Civil Officers and 2 Community Resource officers who are assigned to NRHA Housing communities. There is also a bicycle unit that work very closely with the Target Officers.
- Environmental sweeps are done at the end of each month, where they check for codes and issue violations.

2nd Blue Sector

- Target Platoon consists of 7 officers and 12 bicycle officers and 7 overlap officers.
- The bicycle team was once divided into sectors; however, recently the bikes are assigned to the 2nd precinct as a whole.
- Crime is down 7% compared to considering last year.
- Residential Burglaries in the area were very high last year, but are now down 51%.
- There was an increase in commercial robberies of 200%.

2nd Gold Sector

- The Second Gold Sector Target platoon currently has 4 officers assigned, 2 who work directly in the target unit; however, all officers are active with the civic leagues, and participate in a range of functions.
- There are 20 active civic leagues within this sector.
- During the next six months the Gold Sector target team will continue to utilize the NEAT team and conduct environmental sweeps as necessary.
- The CORE team is a blend of many different people, from various city and state agencies to civic leagues, business, schools and churches, which has expanded in part due to the involvement of the members and their interest in their own communities and the surrounding areas.
- The Gold Sector has conducted daily walking beats as well as bike units being implemented in the Fairmont Park corridor. Trespass letters have been an asset in allowing officers to make arrests on private property.
- Citizens Police Academy would like to increase the number of citizens attending the academy, and to continue to build the working relationship between the citizens and the police department. As for this last course there were 46 graduates who participated. The next class will be start September 8th.

During the next six months the Gold Sector TARGET Team will continue to utilize the NEAT team and conduct environmental sweeps as necessary.

The GOLD Sector CORE team is a blend of many different people, from various city and state agencies to civic leagues, businesses, schools, churches, etc. Our CORE team has expanded in part due to the involvement of the members and their interest in their communities and the surrounding neighborhoods. Our members have found our meetings to be very informative, and allow them a chance to fellowship with others. We have expanded and opened our doors to not only GOLD sector citizens but to the Gold, Red, and Blue sectors from both the First and Second Patrol Divisions. We will continue to strive for excellence.

Gold TARGET will continue to work along side with the civic leagues and Partnerships within the community. During the summer while most civic leagues take a break, we will attend any and all functions that the civic leagues may hold in their communities, dependent upon manpower, from walks through the neighborhoods, to cook outs and festivities in the park.

Gold TARGET remains committed to work along with the civic leagues, Partnerships, and the NEAT Team. We will continue to keep an open flow of communication between all agencies involved. Working together we all work toward one GOAL, to make the GOLD Sector a better place to live and work for everyone.

2nd Red Sector

- There are 28 Civic Leagues within the sector.
- Ocean View is having problems with the juveniles not obeying curfew.
- 15 cars were written up and towed in the Willoughby Area for abandonment.
- Crime STATS are -5%.

Terri Raymond, Library Youth Programs/Tour spoke to us in regards to the 1-2-3 Grow with Me Parent Child Workshop.

- This program is a 5 week program series for toddlers and their parents. Each 90 minute program takes place in an early childhood learning environment.
- This provides parents and caregivers of young children a welcoming environment that promotes healthy child development, family literacy, and access to community services.
- It supports parents in their role as their children's first teacher and helps them prepare their children to enter school ready to read.
- The three core activities for the children are:
 1. Free play
 2. An art project
 3. Circle time
- No more than 25 children at a time
- November Blyden & Jordan Newby Libraries will start the program
- It has been taken in consideration to start teaching safety awareness to the parents.
- Monies are donated for materials for the learning program. The last donation consisted of \$6,000.

East Norview: We have continued to work with the landlords, and have expanded our cooperative efforts with the East Norview neighborhood and outside agencies to obtain one goal, to reduce the environment conducive to the criminal element. Over the last several months the Gold sector has conducted walking beats as well as regular patrol with in East Norview neighborhood. Letters of trespass have been updated with the landlords, and the Police Chiefs office to allow the officers to take appropriate actions on the properties where the landlords are not present. As a result of these beats, numerous arrests have been made, summons issued, and a better communication between the citizens and the Police.

FAIRMONT PARK:

Goal: To continue proactive presence in the Fairmont Park neighborhood, especially in the Lafayette corridor. To target specific locations of identifiable problem areas.

Activities: The Gold Sector has conducted daily walking beats, and bike units have been implemented in the Fairmont Park corridor. Trespass letters have been an asset in allowing officers to make arrests on private property without owner being present, and we will continue to work with these landlords. Target officers obtain information from PISTOL (cities tracking system for reports, arrests, etc) and share limited information about the targeted area at the civic league.

#1 Lafayette Code Enforcement is a massive target of all structures and properties located on the boulevard, with emphasis on commercial properties. All violations are to be addressed and abatement aggressive followed up. To date tow buildings had been slated for demolition, and they have both been taken down.

#2 Environmental Code Violations. There are numerous environmental issues such as tall grass, solid waste, junk vehicles and blighted properties. The Police as well as Zoning, Health, Codes, and Fire Dept. are all working together to abate these issues.

We will continue to work with the Fairmont Park Task Force and assists in achieving the goals they have to set for 2005.

POLICE

Animal Management Center to Extend Hours to Increase Adoption Rates. The Norfolk Animal Management Center has extended its shelter's viewing and adoption hours on Thursdays from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The extended hours are part of the shelter's efforts to increase adoption rates.



PROJECT UPDATES

13th View Street Boat Ramp Repairs. Repairs to the 13th View Street boat ramp are underway. The work is expected to take at least six months to complete and will be coordinated so that one ramp will remain open at all times for public use. The project consists of dredging the basin to a depth of seven feet and replacing both ramps with new, steeper concrete ramps, which will allow boaters to launch more easily at low tide. The finger piers at the larger ramp, which were destroyed by Hurricane Isabel, will also be replaced. These new finger piers, along with finger piers installed last year on the

smaller ramp, will make the facility completely accessible to people with mobility impairments.

Preliminary site work at the boat ramp began this week with soundings taken at the south ramp in anticipation of dredging operations for both ramps. Dredging is slated to begin in early September and will take approximately three to five weeks (weather permitting). The dredging will be followed by construction of the ramps. The anticipated completion date for work on the south ramp is early January. Following the reopening of south ramp, work will begin on the smaller north ramp. Anticipated completion date for north ramp is March 2006.

City Resolves Issues Related To Powhatan Field. Issues related to construction of Powhatan Field has resulted in project delays. However, it is believed that these issues are now resolved and work to finalize the project is underway as the City and the contractor for Powhatan Field, SEVAC, have entered into written agreement that will modify the undersurface of the high school stadium field. The essential elements of the new understanding are:

- (1) the contractor will install an airfield draincore material sub-surface with Sportexec turf;
- (2) the contractor will complete all work no later than October 21, 2005; and
- (3) the contractor has agreed that if they fail to complete all work by October 21, 2005, then the City will not owe them any of the agreed upon funds for the changed drainage system (\$150,000).

As to a separate contract issue in the area, the contractor has also agreed to go back and repair work on Powhatan Avenue where there was a cave-in due to incomplete subsurface utility work. Work on Powhatan Avenue should be completed by the end of September.

Ballentine Boulevard Resurfacing. In preparation for Homearama 2005, a resurfacing project began Thursday on Ballentine Boulevard between I-264 and Corprew Avenue. The resurfacing project included milling and repaving. The repaving is complete with signal looping and road striping scheduled for completion within the next two weeks.

Tazewell Street Water & Sewer Improvements. The City of Norfolk's Department of Utilities has hired the construction firm of Suburban Grading and Utilities to replace the 100-year old water and sewer mains in Tazewell Street between Boush Street and Granby Street. To accomplish the work, Tazewell Street will be closed to vehicular traffic during the construction period which will begin on September 6th and end by December 1. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

Replacement of these pipes is being done in conjunction with installation of the water and sewer connections required for new development on this block which would have necessitated closure of the street as well. The old water and sewer pipes are highly

susceptible to rupture due to the vibration caused by the unprecedented construction we are seeing downtown.

PUBLIC HEALTH

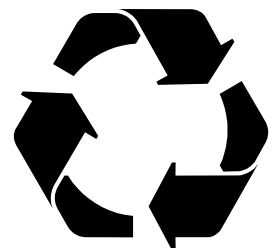
The Environmental Health Division Works Diligently to Provide a Healthy Environment for Norfolk Citizens. During February 2005, 384 food service employees attended food-handlers classes. During March, 14 food service managers were nationally certified or recertified. The bureau investigated more than 300 public health and environmental nuisance complaints. Three-hundred eighty-five notices of violations were written to abate over 200 general environmental nuisances. Currently, the bureau has 1,701 operations under permit and conducted 396 regular surveillance inspections for health code compliance. During the month of February, 73 food permits, 203 dumpster permits, and 6 barber and beauty shop permits were issued.

Environmental health specialists performed 320 restaurant inspections and other services designed to enhance the quality of life in Norfolk; including mobile food inspections and permits. Sixty-nine lead prevention visits were conducted rendering 95 services. Inspections were made to 17 day care centers.

Throughout the month of February 2005, Vector Control ensured that Norfolk's tidal ditches flow freely and were not capable of breeding mosquitoes. They worked 4,906 total yards of ditches by bushing, pulling, clearing and spreading materials blocking the flow of water. In addition to tidal ditch maintenance, Vector Control inspected 34 back yards for rodent activity. Twenty-eight rat free inspections were made on properties slated for demolition. Additionally, 79 rodent treatments were conducted. The Vector Control Division also distributed 143 pre-environmental survey forms. On "Tornado Preparedness Day," March 2005, staff of the Environmental Health Division conducted visits to 12 Norfolk mobile home parks, representing 515 mobile homes; disseminating tornado preparedness literature and advising property owners of tornado precautions.

PUBLIC WORKS

The City Celebrates the Final Roll-Out of Big Easy. On August 10, the Norfolk Environmental Commission (NEC) and the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) celebrated the final roll-out the Big Easy. The celebration was held at Lakewood Park, where several citizens and civic league presidents were in attendance for this joyous occasion. A special appearance was made by Mayor Fraim, who gave remarks on the recycling program and even commented on his own family's participation in the recycling efforts. In the spirit of the "Big Easy," reused Mardi Gras beads were given away and attendees were treated to a New Orleans-style brunch and jazz music from the Russell Scarborough Trio. According to John Deuel, Executive Director of the NEC and Recycling Coordinator, "I was



pleased with the turnout from civic groups, and City and public works staffs. I felt like to event was a good opportunity to celebrate our early success in the program.”

Several civic leagues received cash prizes for increasing their participation in the recycling program from the 18-gallon blue bin to the 95-gallon bin. The top winners were the following civic leagues: Chesapeake Gardens/Mamie Gardens-\$100, Fox Hall-\$100, Willoughby-\$350, Oakwood-\$400, and Campostella Heights-\$600.

Overall, there were four-phases across an 18-month period. Currently, the city has more than 50% participation rate. According to John, “we have the opportunity to increase the levels and getting to a goal of a 60-70% participation rate within the next two years.” Through the education and awareness efforts of the NEC and SPSA, it is likely that this goal will be achieved. What’s more important is diverting the amount of waste is diverted. We hope to increase that amount in the future,” stated John.

Waste Management Welcomes New Superintendent. On August 1, Water B. Coley, Jr. proudly stepped in as Waste Management’s new superintendent, replacing Marty Krupinski. Walter, who is no stranger at leading large groups, brings 13 years of leadership experience as a former naval officer to Waste Management.

Walter and his wife has three children. He enjoys playing golf, bowling, racing remote control cars and playing his bass guitar.

Storm Water Presents its Master Plan at an International Conference. Norfolk’s Storm Water program received international attention this month when Buz Rhees and several consultant presented the City’s plan for managing storm water projects to a GIS users conference in San Diego. Rhees and representatives from contractor Clark Nexsen presented Norfolk’s progressive plan to integrate data, mapping and modeling to bring greater efficiency, accuracy and flexibility to storm water management.

The work has already produced a prioritized list of capital improvements projects and will ultimately allow engineers to run “what if” scenarios to improve drainage problems. The comprehensive system will include both engineering data and environmental concerns like soil type and drainage paths. It was the first time the City had presented a seminar at this conference, which brought together about 13,000 GIS professionals and engineers from 130 countries.

Design Division Bid Proposals and Awards

The following companies received Notices to Proceed:

1. West 21st Street Roadway Improvements—Action Paving & Construction
2. 13th View Boat Ramps—North Star Construction Co.
3. Renovations, Remodeling, and Repair Services—FY2006—Sun Bay Contracting

The following bid openings and awards were held for the period July 16 through August 12, 2005

1. Vivian V. Mason Roof Replacement—States Roofing-\$87,000
2. Norfolk City Jail Shower Renovations—Coastal Design-\$620,700
3. East Beach and 800 Block Breakwaters—Coastal Design-\$891,330
4. Elizabeth River Trail-Phase IIIB—Action Paving & Construction-\$62,845
5. Bay Breeze Point Beach Access Way—Sea Hawk Distributors, Inc.-\$56,820
6. Cape Henry Avenue Right of Way Improvements—Excel Paving-\$211,373

Traffic Control-Various Locations: In response to requests from area residents, the Department of Public Works, Division of Transportation has conducted investigations regarding the posting of traffic control signs at the following locations. City Council adopted an ordinance for traffic control signs to be installed in the following described locations. These actions will improve the quality and safety of traffic circulation within the neighborhoods.

- 1) Boush Street, northbound, at Main Street. (U-turn prohibited)
- 2) Boush Street, northbound, at Plume Street. (U-turn prohibited)
- 3) Gornto Avenue, westbound, between Chesapeake Boulevard and Tait Terrace. (One-way street)
- 4) Chapel Street, northbound, at St. Julian Avenue. (Yield)
- 5) Chapel Street, southbound, at St. Julian Avenue. (Stop)
- 6) Chapin Street at Woodford Street. (Stop)
- 7) Columbia Avenue at Argonne Avenue. (Stop)
- 8) Columbia Avenue at Baupaume Avenue. (Stop)
- 9) Corprew Avenue at Reservoir Avenue. (Stop)
- 10) Keller Avenue at South Cape Henry Avenue. (Stop)
- 11) Kincaid Avenue at Aspin Street. (Stop)
- 12) Marne Avenue at Kitchener Avenue. (Stop)
- 13) Radford Street at Jersey Avenue. (Stop)
- 14) Raleigh Avenue, eastbound, at Claremont Avenue. (Stop)
- 15) South Cape Henry Avenue at Vincent Avenue. (Stop)

Traffic Camera Link Established with EOC . The Department of Public Works' Transportation Division and the Department of Information Technology are coordinating the integration of the VDOT freeway-traffic CCTV camera images to the City's Emergency Operations Center. This new capability will allow the emergency response dispatchers to observe, in real-time, the conditions at the scene of vehicular accidents and emergency operations on every freeway within the City's jurisdiction. CCTV coverage will also be available during hurricanes and emergencies.

Specifically, the camera images will provide for improved roadway incident management and response. Dispatchers will be able to convey critical information to those response units in route to the incident scene. Future system enhancements may also include homeland security elements.

UTILITIES

Utilities Takes Norfolk's Messages to the Navy. The City of Norfolk is the home of the world's largest operational Navy installation. More than 54,000 active duty sailors and their families, as well 11,000 Naval Station—based civilians, live, work, and play in Norfolk. And, when the ships deploy from the base, they take Norfolk water with them—one of the ways we are essential to the National defense.

It's obvious that the US Navy is one of the Department of Utilities' largest water customers, and an important audience for the department's many quality service messages.

Through two major events on the base and one ongoing outreach campaign to the Norfolk Navy housing units, Norfolk Utilities has expanded its public information program to specifically target the sailors at Naval Station and their families.

For the first time, Norfolk Utilities was invited to participate in Naval Station Summerfest, held at Norfolk Naval Station on June 28. The purpose of Summerfest, a Morale, Welfare and Recreation event, is to acquaint the military families with the services available to them on and off the base, a perfect venue to promote Norfolk Pure, the top quality drinking water they enjoy at work and at home.

Norfolk Utilities was present at Summerfest, where employees gave out water quality information and iced bottles of Norfolk Pure to the 1,000 visitors who braved the heat of the summer day.

Norfolk Pure faced some tough competition as it shared the exhibit tent with Coca-Cola, but Norfolk matched Coke case-for-case in the giveaway category.

That evening, at the Summerfest dinner, Norfolk Pure was served to nearly 200 guests. The diners could not escape the City's water quality message as Norfolk Pure bottles were part of the centerpieces on the dinner and dessert tables.

That inescapable water quality message was also present at the Naval Station Change of Command on July 20. At the ceremony, Capt. Jerry Becker, Naval Station Commanding Officer for the past three years, officially turned his command over to Capt. Lloyd Pyle. In his farewell speech, Capt. Becker thanked the City of Norfolk for its quality drinking water, then served Norfolk Pure at the reception immediately following the ceremony.

Perhaps the most all-inclusive out-reach from the City of Norfolk to the Navy community is an ongoing "Welcome Packet" program for the residents of Norfolk Navy housing.

Working with Lincoln Military Housing, Inc., which now handles the 1406 military housing units in Norfolk, the Department of Utilities, with assistance of the

Office of Communication, FestEvents, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, assembled “Welcome to Norfolk” packets for each of the households.

The packets include the following items of interest to residents of our community:

- “Come Home to Norfolk Now”, a colorful and informative brochure about how the City of Norfolk celebrates life daily;
- “Norfolk Quarterly” special edition focusing on the City’s quality of life;
- “The New Norfolk”, a brochure that concentrates on the cultural, educational and recreational opportunities Norfolk offers;
- FestEvents’ 2005 Calendar of Events and individual event brochures;
- 2005 City of Norfolk Drinking Water Quality Report;
- “Fight the Fat” brochure and fat can lid to encourage the proper disposal of cooking oil;
- Water-efficiency tips to remind residents to use our drinking water resources wisely, a Department of Utilities QS sponge and ballpoint pen with department’s telephone number.

“The current Congressional effort is to introduce the military families into their local communities,” said Lincoln Military Housing Vice President Jim Brady. “The City’s outreach into the military community is well-timed.”

ZOO

Lioness on Exhibit at the Virginia Zoo. The Virginia Zoo is pleased to announce the arrival of Zola, a female African lion. Zola was born at the North Carolina Zoo. She was donated to the Virginia Zoo in late July. The one-year old lioness will eventually be introduced to Mramba, the Zoo’s two-year old male lion. Once they are old enough, the Virginia Zoo hopes they will mate and produce offspring. Kalissa, the Virginia Zoo’s other female lion will remain at the zoo and be on exhibit on a rotating schedule.

While the Zoo’s newest resident becomes acclimated to her new surroundings, she may only be on exhibit for a short time each morning. As Zola becomes accustomed to her new home, she will remain on exhibit throughout the day.

The move was recommended by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association’s African Lion Species Survival Plan (SSP). SSP’s are used to protect the genetic diversity and well-being of animals in America’s accredited zoos.

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admission prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (age 62 and over), and \$4.00 for children ages 2-11. Visit www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.

Volunteer at Your Virginia Zoo. Your Virginia Zoo is offering a Docent Training Program for those volunteers interested in educating the public about our mission.

Because of their high visibility, Zoo docents have a special opportunity to share their enthusiasm about animals and the Zoo. The Docent Training Program provides a basic preparation for this work through an educational program followed by an animal handling course and mentorship with experienced docents.

Docent training begins this month. For more information about this hands on experience call Pat Clark at 441-2374 ext. 225 or send her an email to Patricia.Clark@norfolk.gov and reserve your spot in the Virginia Zoo's docent training class.

The Virginia Zoo is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Years Day. The Virginia Zoo is located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Admission prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (age 62 and over), and \$4.00 for children ages 2-11. For more information including information on special events, membership and more visit our website at www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374.

Endangered Turtles Hatch at the Virginia Zoo. Two bog turtles, one of the smallest and rarest freshwater turtles in North America, hatched at your Virginia Zoo. Bog turtles are listed among reptiles that are endangered in the United States. Loss of habitat and being captured and sold for retail purposes are two of the main reasons for their decline. Virginia Zoo staff work tirelessly with the American Zoo and Aquarium Association's (AZA) Species Survival Plan (SSP) and are dedicated to the conservation of such endangered animals.

Bog turtles are one of the smallest North American turtles growing to a maximum length of just 4.5 inches. A bright yellow or orange spot on the side of its neck and head help to identify the species. Generally these turtles live along the East coast from Massachusetts to Georgia. They can easily survive in swamps, bogs or marsh lands. Bog turtles are omnivores and their diet includes snails, slugs, duckweed and strawberries.

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Virginia Zoo Weigh the Rhino Contest Winners Announced! Your Virginia Zoo is happy to announce the two winners of the Weigh the Rhino Contest which concluded on July 31st. Over 700 entries were submitted to guess the weights of the Zoo's two white rhinos, Rufus and Alfred. The weights guessed ranged from a mere 100 pounds to a hefty 100,000 pounds! The contestants closest to the weight of each rhino without going over have been declared the winners.

Congratulations to Alicia Herr of Norfolk and Kathy Kinney of Chesapeake for their weight entries of our two white rhinos. While nobody guessed exactly right, both contestants were the closest without going over. Alicia Herr was just one pound from Rufus' actual weight. He weighed in at 4,220 pounds. Kathy Kinney guessed Alfred's weight at 4300 pounds. Alfred, weighing in at 4390 pounds, is the heftier of the two.

The winners will receive a Behind the Scenes tour for up to eight guests of the rhino, lion, elephant and giraffe exhibits and a one-year family Zoo membership.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Tutorial Program: The Norfolk Interfaith Partnership Mentorship Program, Inc. and Mason Memorial Church are offering a tutoring program for elementary and middle (K-8th grades) school children. Tutors are needed to assist with homework in English, Math, Reading, and Spelling. Call Mrs. Patricia Williams, Director of Tutorial Program, 740 Goff Street, Norfolk VA 23504. Telephone: 622-1532; or call the NIP Mentorship Program at 623-7000.

Companion Care Training Course: Supplement your income! Become a companion, a sitter, or a homemaker. Attend a 40-hour training program. Receive a Certificate of Completion and letter of acknowledgement at the end of the training—October 10-14, 2005, M-F, 9:30-1:30; October 17-21, M-F, 9:30-1:30. Cost: \$75.00. No refunds. No checks accepted. Pay by October 6 and become eligible to participate in a drawing for ONE qualified participant to receive free tuition. All materials will be supplied, refreshments, prizes and hand-outs daily. Registration deadline: October 6. The seating is limited to 20. If interested, please call NIP Program, 723-7000.

NEW STUDIO OPENS

Todd Rosenlieb opened the [TR Dance Center](#) on August 26th at 325 Granby Street, in the old Hofheimer shoe store location across the street from the Roper Performing Arts Center. The 10,000 square foot facility will have 3 studios, dressing rooms, a waiting area and a convertible performance space. Todd Rosenlieb Dance Company held its premiere

performance in October of 2004. The Governor's School for the Arts dance department, Tidewater Community College dance classes and Pilates Center of Virginia will also make use of the new facility.

WON'T YOU BE OUR BUDDY?

The annual Buddy Walk sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Hampton Roads will be held Saturday, October 1st at ODU Field House, rain or shine. Registration and fun begins at 11:30. One of 250 Buddy Walks nationwide, the half-mile walk begins at 1:00 and kicks off National Down Syndrome Awareness Month. The \$5/person registration fee includes a T-shirt which can be autographed by the ODU Lady Monarchs before 1:00.

The event promotes awareness and celebrates the great strides people with Down Syndrome have made as active members of our schools and communities. All funds raised support local and national education, research, and advocacy efforts. This year, Grand Marshall Joe Flanagan hopes to lead over 850 buddies from Hampton Roads in this fun and worthwhile event.

Down Syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal abnormality and affects more than 350,000 people in the United States. Approximately 5,000 children with Down Syndrome are born each year. People with Down Syndrome possess a wide range of abilities and are active participants in the educational, occupational, and recreational activities of the community. By promoting awareness and acceptance of people with Down Syndrome, the Down Syndrome Association of Hampton Roads hopes to break down any existing stereotypes about the abilities of people with this genetic condition and show that they are more like their non-disabled peers than they are different.

The ODU Maritime Institute Speaker Series at Nauticus
"Emerging Trends and Their Impacts on Port Efficiency"
Dr. Paul Kent, International Port Consultant, Nathan & Associates
Washington, D.C.

NAUTICUS

Friday, October 7, 2005 (Free Admission)
7:45-8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:15-9:15 a.m. Presentation

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by Friday, September 30, 2005

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THINGS TO SEE AND DO

ARTS WITHIN REACH

The Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the September performances in its *Arts Within Reach* series. From Berkley to Ocean View, from Park Place to Five Points, the Norfolk Arts Commission presents and supports free programs that bring great art to Norfolk communities. ***Arts Within Reach*** features free performances, workshops, and demonstrations in neighborhoods throughout the City. Get to know local artists while you enjoy their talent and creativity in a relaxed atmosphere.

September

28 (Weds.) 12:00 pm – USAF Heritage of America Dixie Players, present New Orleans and Chicago styles of traditional jazz music, featuring compositions by Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke, Jack Teagarden and more. *The Pagoda Garden Teahouse and Gallery, 265 W. Tazewell Street 664-4321*

The Heritage of America Dixie Players is a jazz combo whose mission is to preserve and present the rich heritage of traditional jazz. With the music of such legends as Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet, Jack Teagarden and Bix Beiderbecke as their guide, the USAF Dixie Players bring the New Orleans and Chicago styles of traditional jazz to life in each performance.

Arts Within Reach, produced by the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, is a series of free performances showcasing Norfolk performing arts organizations and artists. The series introduces audiences to the arts in an informal atmosphere that encourages interaction between performer and audience. All *Arts Within Reach* performances are **free and open to the public**. Inquiries can be made at 664-4321.

Additional free performances in Norfolk for the month of September include:

BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Norfolk Botanical Garden
Program Schedule
September 2005**

Girl Scout Programs

Brownies and Juniors can discover the great outdoors on a Saturday morning or afternoon through nine different Scout Programs at Norfolk Botanical Garden. Girl Scout programs

cost \$8 per scout and include the program, a journal, the appropriate badge and a 30 minute narrated tram tour of the Garden.

Brownie Try-Its: Water Everywhere, Earth & Sky, Eco Explorer, Plants, Around The World

Junior Badges: Water Wonders, Earth Connections, Wildlife, Finding Your Way

Minimum 6 scouts – programs are scheduled by reservation!

Families in the Garden

Saturdays -- October 15/November 12 – 7-9 PM

Garden Stars – sponsored by the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers

Come out and take a look through a large telescope at the moon and planets, star clusters, galaxies and more! Learn about the sky and your place in the universe. Got an old telescope in the closet that you could never figure out how to use? Bring it with you and we will help you get a closer look at nature's night sky wonders.

Children under 16 free with paying adult

Cost: \$10/\$4 for NBG Members

Curator's Corner

Learn more about plants and gardening from our experts. Join our professional horticultural staff as they share their knowledge and experience and inspire new ideas for your own garden.

OCTOBER 18: 6:30-8:30 PM

Goodness Gracious-Great Blooms of Fire – *Melissa Butler, Curator of Herbaceous Plats*

Discover red-hot fiery blooms to create a warm welcoming palette of intense color for every season.

NOVEMBER 15: 6:30-8:30 PM

Landscaping With Natives – *Theresa Augustin, Curator of Natural Areas*

You don't have to go wild but you should go au naturel. Find out benefits of incorporating native plants in your garden. These true Tidewater performers add beauty and natural habitats to your garden.

COST-\$12 per program/\$6 per program for NBG Members

Creative Gardener – One Stroke Painting

September 22 through October 20 – 7-9 PM

Learn easy, fun and decorative painting techniques with Lillie Crews, a certified stroke instructor. No prior painting experience required. Each week learn new strokes and design techniques while completing a different project.

Cost: \$95/\$65 for NBG Members. □ *Cost covers the use of paints & brushes and five separate weekly projects, including note cards, canvas, clay pots, wood tray and fruit plaque.*

Class min: 8 / max: 14

Gardens by DESIGN – Lunch and Learn

OCTOBER 28 – Creating Winter Interest

NOVEMBER 18 – Camellias: The Winter Rose

12:30-1:30 PM

Bring a brown bag lunch or reserve a box lunch and sit in on this exciting new series.

This fall spend your lunch hour learning tips and ideas to become a better gardener from NBG experts. Offered the 4th Friday of each month.

Cost-\$10/\$4 for NBG Members

Box Lunches-\$10(most be pre-ordered)

~~~ Have a plant problem or identification inquiry? The Doctor is in! NBG's Plant Doctor is available immediately following the Lunch and Learn programs in Baker Hall Visitor Center or email questions to [plantdr@nbgs.org](mailto:plantdr@nbgs.org) ~~~

**Autumn Twilight Hour**

SEPTEMBER 27 – Tuesday – 6-7:30 PM

Take a stroll in the twilight hours with NBG Education Program Manager Perry Mathewes. This walk will highlight assorted plants in the garden while participants enjoy the beauty of an early fall evening.

Cost: \$10/\$4 for NBG Members

**Leaf Castings**

SEPTEMBER 28 – Wednesday – 10-12 Noon

Join Eileen Walsh in this hands-on workshop making rustic cement garden art. These castings make great bird baths, butterfly puddling stations or bird feeders. Dress for mess – you'll be playing with cement!

Cost: \$40/\$30 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / max: 25

**Birding in the Garden**

Thursdays

SEPTEMBER 29 – Birding By Boat – 8:30-10:30 AM

Cost-\$12/\$6 for NBG Members

OCTOBER 20 – Morning Bird Walk – 8:30-10:30 AM

Cost-\$10/\$4 for NBG Members

Look for nesting & migratory bird activity on this guided tour through the Garden. Local birding expert Bob Yurchuck will introduce you to some of the 95 bird species that can be found in our backyard. Beginners and experts welcome. Bring binoculars and field guides.

Class min: 5 / max: 15

### ***History Alive! 2005***

September 30 & October 1, 2 – 10 AM-4 PM

Come celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> annual History Alive!!!

Be here as the garden comes to life with more than 25 re-enactment groups representing medieval times to the late 20<sup>th</sup> century

HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATIONS:

+ Try on armor or wield a sword with the knights of yesteryear/ + Beat drums at a Native American Pow-Wow/ + Sit behind the wheel of a model A Ford

Free with Garden admission.. Retired and active military receive two-for-one admission during event hours.

### ***Fridays are for Families -- Programs exclusively designed for Home Schoolers History Alive!***

Friday – September 30 – 1-4 PM

Step back in time as history comes alive in the Garden. You will have the opportunity to visit re-enactor camps from medieval times to the present day. Talk to re-enactors who represent different time periods – find out how people really lived and worked “back then.” Admire the work of local craft guilds and keep alive the traditional skills. Each participating child will receive a history journal to record observations and conversations.

Registration deadline: September 23

Cost: \$8 per child and one parent; siblings \$5 each (under age 3 free) \$4 per child for NBG Members

### ***Holiday Happenings***

#### ***Wreath design workshops***

Join NBG Adult Program Coordinator & Floral Designer Betty Ann Galway and learn step-by-step how to make decorative holiday wreaths. Participants will create their own wreaths to take home and enjoy. All floral supplies are included. Bring garden gloves and clippers.

#### ***DRIED FLORAL AND HERB WREATH***

**Wednesday - October 5** Thursday October 27, 9:30-11:30am

Make a full textured wreath from yesterday's blooms and fragrant herbal sprigs to enjoy summer flowers on a wintry day. Techniques on drying botanicals will be discussed.

Cost: \$40/\$30 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / Max: 20

#### ***DELLA ROBBIA WREATH***

**Wednesday - December 14** Thursday December 15, 9:30-11:30am



Design your very own fresh holiday wreath accented with fruit and berries in the classic Williamsburg style known as Della Robbia. Fresh balsam fir wreaths will be the base for this holiday decoration.

Cost: \$50/\$40 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / max: 20

**Garden Gourmet Series** – sponsored by the Herb Society of Virginia

Both classes taught by the dynamic duo of Carol Kramer & Anna Pratt!

October 20 – Thursday – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### *Herbal Tour of Morocco*

Come learn how important the herbs and spices of the middle east are to Moroccan cooking, while sampling delicious dishes from this exotic land. We will learn about the traditional method of cooking in a tagine and taste a b'isleta.

Cost: \$18/\$12 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / max: 30

**November 12** Full – New date **December 3** – Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### *Bread Making Workshop*

Back by popular demand with a twist – make your own loaf of European style bread while learning techniques and recipes for bread from all around the world, including a cardamom braid and Georgian cheese bread. Participants will make their own bread dough to take home; bake and enjoy as fresh, warm bread for dinner that night!

Cost: \$24 per class/\$18 for NBG Members

Class min: 10 / max: 20

THESE CLASSES FILL VERY EARLY SO DON'T MISS OUT!

## **CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART**

### **PARTNERS IN PROGRAMMING with NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN**

Before European settlers landed on American shores, bald eagles numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Now endangered, they once existed along both coasts – from Labrador to southern Florida, Baja California to Alaska – and everywhere in between. The bald eagle was chosen June 20, 1782 as the emblem of the United States not only due to its longevity, strength, and majesty, but also because it was believed to inhabit only North America.

This past December, a pair of nesting bald eagles relocated to Norfolk Botanical Garden from the Norfolk International Airport. During the nesting period, visitors to the Garden will have the opportunity to observe bald eagles in a natural habitat. The Museum has

teamed up with the Garden to present an informative educational brochure, *The Bald Eagle in Life and Art*, that tells more about eagles and the appropriation of their image in art and national symbolism. *The Bald Eagle in Life and Art* will be available at both the Museum and Norfolk Botanical Garden while supplies last.

## **SENIORS ART FORUM**

The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum admission.

## **d'ART CENTER**

**d'ART Center, Selden Arcade 208 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510**

ph: 757-625-4211 fax: 757-625-0670

Connect with the Visual Arts at [www.d-artcenter.org](http://www.d-artcenter.org)

*The d'ART CENTER is a regional, private, non-profit, visual art facility featuring 40 resident visual artists creating, displaying and selling original fine art. Our special events support the center's mission of connecting the public with the visual arts process.*

## **LINOLEUM BLOCK PRINTING**

Anne May & Pam Ponce, Instructors

Students will learn to carve linoleum blocks for printing. Emphasis will be on design principles and learning to make a variety of marks with carving tools. Students will also use the press to pull four prints from their blocks. This process is fun and one of the easier methods to learn. For ages 16 and up. Call for material list. Bring a bag lunch.

2 Days: Sat. Oct. 15 & 22 10-2 PM

Tuition: \$63 Materials fee: \$20 includes parking

## **HALLOWEEN MASK-MAKING for CHILDREN & ADULTS**

Ray Hershberger, Instructor

Create your own fantasy or action hero mask just in time for Halloween using papier mache and a variety of decorations and embellishments that will bring the mask to life. This process is geared for both children and adults. If you enroll in pairs you will have twice the fun for half the price.

Sat. Oct. 22 1:30-3:30

Tuition: \$17 Adult & Child together! r: \$25 total!

## **PAINTING DRAWING & SCULPTURE For Ages 4-7**

May Britton, Instructor

This class is structured to encourage imagination and self expression through the experience of several mediums. Students will be inspired to use their mind's eye as they develop skills in the use of color, form, design and shape.

6 Sessions: Thurs. Sept. 29-Nov. 3 3:30-5:00 PM

Tuition: \$68 Materials: \$7

## **BIRTHDAY PARTIES!**

Having a birthday party, and need a cool activity for your guests? Call d'ART Center to arrange a private class for you and your friends for your big day and make your celebration an art occasion to remember! We will suggest both artist and artistic activity that you can remember

and enjoy all year. For children and adults. Call 625.4211 for scheduling and arrangements.

## **FESTEVENTS**

### **17th Annual Cingular Wireless Virginia Children's Festival**

**returns to Town Point Park**

**Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, Norfolk, VA**

The **Cingular Wireless Virginia Children's Festival** has become one of Hampton Roads' most popular and beloved family events held each year in Norfolk's Town Point Park, for families with children age 10 and younger.

The Virginia Children's Festival will include more than 20 hours of storytelling and over 50 creative reading related workshops all designed to demonstrate the importance of reading. In addition there will be educational displays, cultural performances, arts and crafts, which are designed to celebrate the festival's theme **"Reading is Fun."**

Sesame Street's very own **"Gordon"** will perform throughout the day, along with special guest appearances by **"Dora the Explorer®"** and **"Clifford the Big Red Dog™"**!

### **Reading Activities include:**

- **The Norfolk Public Library** will be on site with a bookmobile, musicians and a magician who will perform on The Norfolk Public Library Stage, showing children how much fun reading can be through music and magic.

- **The Old Dominion Education Department** will host a unique literacy village, teaching the steps of creating books, they will also read stories and encourage children to read books aloud.
- **Book Nooks** will be throughout the park where children's favorite cartoon characters will read to them.
- **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** will have a coloring contest and a short story contest, where children will get to write their own story.
- **Reach (Reading Enriches All Children)** will be giving away gently used books and teaching youngsters how to make bookmarks.

Children will be able to visit several creative areas in the park, including **Adventureland, Fantasyland, Toddlertown, Toon Town Meet and Greet, Jump, Jive and Wail and Animal Alley**. Each area will feature events and activities that pertain to the *Reading Is Fun* theme.

At **FANTASYLAND**, the Book Nook will have a fantasy/medieval theme featuring storytelling with such books as Alice in Wonderland, Snow White, and Cinderella. Just a few feet away from the Book Nook, an **Alice in Wonderland Tea Party** will be taking place. The cast and characters of this storybook favorite will be hosting the tea party at scheduled times throughout the day. At the **"Make Believe"** tent, children can spend endless hours dressing up as their favorite storybook character and then head over to a larger than life dollhouse to play house. To add even more to the fantastical element of this area, Harold Wood, a magician from the Young Audiences of Virginia will be performing magic at set times during the event.

Children can meet their favorite cartoons and storybook costume characters in the fun and zany area called **TOON TOWN**. **Dora the Explorer®**, **Clifford the Big Red Dog™**, **Winnie the Pooh**, **Wild Thing**, and the casts of **Alice in Wonderland** and **The Wizard of Oz** will be on hand to meet and interact with the kids. During **Toon Town Tango**, the children can enjoy dancing right along with their favorite characters in front of the Storybook Theater stage.

**ADVENTURELAND** will include everything from Arena Racing cars on display to an exciting trip with mom and dad on a HRT Trolley. Bey Blade challenges will be held in a mini-arena for children to compete against one another. At the AutoTrader.com **"Touch-a-Truck"** area, children can touch and have an up-close look at huge monster trucks, fire trucks, and a police car with sirens and all!

**JUMP, JIVE & WAIL** will feature fun music-related activities for the children. The Virginia Symphony will be on hand to work on musical activities with the children. Children are also invited to sing along to their favorite children's songs with **"Sing-a-long" Karaoke**.

**STORYBOOK THEATER** will feature two-thirty minute scheduled performances from **Gordon of Sesame Street** with a “**meet and greet**” after the shows for the children to have an opportunity to meet him. Gordon’s show will include some of Sesame Street’s greatest hits, which include a collection of interactive songs, games and lessons that demonstrate how fun reading can be! **Legoland** will allow children to be creative and design their very own creations with legos. And if the little creator needs another outlet, they can head over to “**Play Doh Island**” where they can be creative with play doh.

Little ones still in diapers, crawling, or those trying to balance on two feet can visit **TODDLERTOWN**, a unique part of the Children’s Festival designed specifically for children four years old and under. A nursery rhyme themed Book Nook will feature stories told by favorite nursery rhyme characters, **Little Bo Peep and Mother Goose**. Play stations will be filled with educational **Discovery Toys** for the children to let their imaginations run wild. **Gymboree** will have early learning play and music programs for the newborn and children up to four years old. The Virginia Beach School of the Arts will put on an interactive preschool musical show, sure to get the little ones excited.

And if that’s not enough, children can visit the exciting and popular **ANIMAL ALLEY**. Many different animals will be on site for children to pet and learn about. The Book Nook in Animal Alley will feature **The Lion King** theme to help celebrate its’ musical arrival at Chrysler Hall this fall.

**General Admission is \$3 in advance and \$3 at the gate. *Infants are free.*** Guests displaying a Cingular Wireless phone receive one free admission. The festival will be held from **10am-3pm on Saturday, October 1, 2005. Town Point Park** in Norfolk will be the site hosting the event. **Guests can visit the Festevents website at [www.festeventsva.org](http://www.festeventsva.org) to purchase tickets in advance, or they can call (757) 441-2345.**

*Sponsored by Cingular Wireless, Chrysler-Jeep, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, CFE Equipment Corporation, Bank of America, Cox Communications, Apartment Movers of Virginia, AutoTrader.com, and the Norfolk Public Library.*

### **Wine Festival Tickets-ON SALE NOW!**

The tickets for the 18th Annual Cingular Wireless Town Point Virginia Wine Festival on Oct. 15 – 16, 2005, are now on sale! Guests need to reserve their tickets in advance to ensure a seat at this popular event. These tickets are hot and will go fast!

Voted “Best Event for Wine Lovers” in Hampton Roads Magazine’s “Best of 2004,” the Cingular Town Point Virginia Wine Festival is one of the Old Dominion’s best-attended “salutes to the grape” and this year will feature products from more than 30 Virginia wineries. Guests, who often join friends to reserve entire tables and stock them with

cheese and other delicacies, can roam the booths, sampling the state's finest merlots and chardonnays and even purchase cases to take home. Local favorite Lewis McGehee will provide the musical entertainment both days.

**Guest can choose from the following packages:**

**Table reservations** on Saturday, which include **Tasting Tickets and reserved seating for eight guests**, is \$275-\$350 in advance only. Sunday is \$225 in advance. Admission prices for reserved **4-star seating** on Sunday, which include Tasting Tickets and reserved seating for four guests, is \$125 in advance. With the 4-star seating package, guests will be seated at a table of eight, which will include another group of 4-star seating guests.

For a **Tasting Ticket**, which will allow the guest to have a souvenir tasting glass and sample wine, admission is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate. **General Admission** is \$10 at the gate and does not include tasting privileges or a souvenir glass. Children 12 and younger are free.

**The Boater's Package** includes four Tasting Tickets and parkside docking during Festival hours; however, reservations are strongly recommended. Admission with the boater's package is \$200 for up to a 35-foot vessel. For larger vessels, the pricing and ticket quantities will increase.

**Guests can visit the Festevents website at [www.festeventsva.org](http://www.festeventsva.org) to purchase tickets in advance, or they can call (757) 441-2345.**

**Please note:** *Due to high capacity attendance and space constraints in the park, the festival cannot accommodate personal tables of any kind on the festival grounds. Picnic spreads and lawn chairs are welcome, however, but only in designated areas. Festevents reserves the right to limit space for individual picnic areas in order to accommodate all patrons and to provide safe access through the festival grounds. Reserved table areas will be limited to the table settings provided by Festevents; no additional personal chairs and/or tables will be permitted in this area for the safety and enjoyment of our patrons.*

## **HERMITAGE FOUNDATION**

### **The Hermitage Foundation Museum Visual Arts School Announces Community Art Classes for Fall**

The Visual Arts School, located on the beautiful grounds of the Hermitage, houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. Formerly home to the Sloane family, the Hermitage is surrounded by twelve acres of woodlands and gardens on the shore of the Lafayette River. The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided

tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history. Two galleries feature changing art exhibitions. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5—closed Wednesdays. Free for Museum Members, under 6 and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information call 757-423-2052 or visit [www.heritagefoundation.org](http://www.heritagefoundation.org).

More information, including course descriptions, costs, and registration forms, is available at [www.heritagefoundation.org](http://www.heritagefoundation.org) or by calling 757-423-2052 x 207.

### **Holidays in Virginia**

December 9, 2005 – 7:00 PM

December 10, 2005 – 3:00 PM

December 11, 2005 – 3:00 PM

### **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and Happy Hanukkah, My Friend**

December 10, 2005 – 7:00 PM

All shows are performed at the TCC Roper Center on Granby Street in Norfolk. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20. Call 627-5437 or visit [www.hurrahplayers.com](http://www.hurrahplayers.com) for more information.

#### **Office Information:**

The office is located at 935 Woodrow Avenue in Ghent.

Hours are 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Laura Murphy: General Manager

Lisa Wallace: Box Office Manager

Hugh Copeland: Artistic Director

email: [hurrahplayers@verizon.net](mailto:hurrahplayers@verizon.net)

website: [www.hurrahplayers.com](http://www.hurrahplayers.com)

Hurrah Players also offers theatre classes for ages 5 - Adult through the year and camps in the summer.

## **MACARTHUR MEMORIAL**

**New Exhibit At The Macarthur Memorial Commemorates The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of The Liberation Of Civilian Internment Camps In The Philippines During World War II** . More than 60 years ago, over 5,000 civilian men, women and children were imprisoned in internment camps following Japan's occupation of the Philippines during World War II. A three-year struggle for survival ensued as these internees endured crowded living conditions, disease, limited medical supplies, heavy labor, tension, uncertainty, and near starvation.

On April 23, 2005, the MacArthur Memorial opened a special exhibit in honor of the internees, and the soldiers and civilians who saved them. The exhibition, which will be on display through February 28, 2006, examines the Philippines before the Japanese invasion and what characterized life for both the native Filipinos and the foreign-born residents. Focusing on the three major internment camps, Santo Tomás, Los Baños and Baguio, the exhibition offers insight into the internees' initial contact with their captors and their daily lives during confinement. While some succumbed to death, others with the help of the Filipino civilians and their own sheer will were able to survive until their eventual liberation in February of 1945.

## **NAUTICUS**

### **Nauticus to offer "Preschool Science Adventures" program this Fall**

*Bring your little one to Nauticus for an hour of fun!*

Enjoy a fun, educational and interactive hour with your child during Nauticus' education program, "Preschool Science Adventures," offered at 3 p.m. on selected Saturdays throughout the fall.

Geared towards children ages two to five, each program is designed to help develop large and fine motor skills and includes storytelling, a craft activity, hands-on experiments, and a special guided tour of a Nauticus exhibit.

Nauticus' "Preschool Science Adventures" schedule is as follows:

- **Saturday, October 8 - MERMAIDS**

Enjoy an interactive story about mermaids then participate in a craft activity and experiment. Round out your visit with a highlights tour of Nauticus' traveling exhibit *Powers of Nature*.

- **Saturday, November 12 - PIRATES**

Ahoy matey! Learn about pirates then make a pirate make-n-take and participate in an experiment.

- **Saturday, December 10 - WEATHER**

Listen to a story about weather then create a cool craft and participate in an experiment. After, enjoy a tour of Nauticus' traveling exhibit *Powers of Nature*.

Admission for "Preschool Science Adventures" is \$8 for non-members; \$6 for members. Adults are admitted FREE with their child. Reservations are required as space is limited to 15 per program. For more information or to register, please call (757) 664-1044.



## Traveling Exhibit

***Powers of Nature*. On view through December 31,**

**2005.** *Powers of Nature* explores the science behind natural disasters—how they are studied and predicted,

how we can protect ourselves, and how they affect our lives. It includes more than 50 interactive exhibits, videos, immersion experiences, live satellite and radar images, artifacts, and personal stories.



## Programs & Events

### Nauticus Theatre

**Saturday, October 8, 2005, 5:30p-7p "NICK, LUKE, AND LINDA"** (documentary)

**Directed By Phil and Pam Wright,** The lives of three unique individuals with developmental disabilities such as mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and Down syndrome. Although, the viewer may perceive the subjects living situation as severe hardships, they are as normal as anyone of us, actually, more normal than some of us.

### October 10-15

**Fleet Week.** In celebration of this annual Navy event, Nauticus will offer \$7 admission for all active duty and retired military adults and children with ID. No other discounts apply.

### Saturday, October 15

***Powers of Nature* Day.** Enjoy educational science demos and see *Stormchasers* for \$1 off!

### October 27-30 (Thursday through Sunday)

**Sea Legends & Ghosts: A Downtown Walkaround Tour.** Was a merchant from Norfolk the real “Jack the Ripper?” Discover Norfolk’s own ghostly past! Tours (weather permitting) will depart nightly from Nauticus at 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. \$10 fee (ages 4 & up). Reservations and prepayment required. Call (757) 664-1000. Hurry, space is limited to 20 per walk. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes. And, bring a flashlight – just in case...

### Saturday, October 29, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Fall Festival of Fun.** Have a ghostly good time with your family at this exciting Halloween-related event! Enjoy trick-or-treating, fun games, giveaways, a pumpkin search, visits from costumed friends including Nauticus’ own “Finney the Shark” and The Hurrah Players’ “Beauty & the Beast”, balloon animals, face painting, and much more. Also, watch *It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* movie in the Nauticus Theater. Kids, come in your costumes and get your picture taken, plus receive \$1 off admission. Don’t miss out on the fun! The Fall Festival of Fun is included in Nauticus admission.

**Ongoing Programs & Events** (*NEW, Fall times listed below.*)

**10:30 a.m., Saturdays.**

**Shark Feeding.** Watch Nauticus' live sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

**Weekdays; 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.**

**Weekends; 11:30 a.m. (Sat. only), 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.**

**Shark Touch.** What does a shark's skin feel like? Find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet.

**Weekends; 1:15 p.m.**

**Cool Science.** Liquids boiling without a stove! Gases turning into liquid! Balloons exploding with bright flashes of light and heat! These are a few of the amazing hands-on experiments you can see in this program ~~more~~ sponsored in part by BOC Gases.

**Nauticus October 2005 Calendar of Exhibitions, Events, & Programs - add one**

**Weekdays; 2:30 p.m.**

**Saturdays; 11 a.m.**

**Grando Electro Show.** Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

**Weekends; 12:45 p.m.**

**Kiddie Tidepool & Storytime.** Geared toward early learners, this program explores the ecology of the Elizabeth River. Plus, enjoy a special reading of a maritime-related story.

**Weekday; 1 & 4 p.m.**

**NOAA Science On a Sphere Presentation.** Enjoy this exciting and interactive presentation on our newest exhibit, Science On a Sphere. Explore the Earth's surface and learn about weather patterns, how hurricanes are formed, climate conditions around the world, and much more!

**Daily; 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m.**

**Aegis.** Aegis is an ancient word for shield. It's also the name of the Navy's hi-tech protection system used by destroyers to form a 250-mile-radius shield around a naval battle group. This specially designed command center theater simulates a battle situation, allowing you to feel the weight of command as you make hair-raising, snap decisions.

**Daily; 10:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m.**

**Design Chamber: Battleship X.** Inside this multi-media interactive theater, match wits with America's best ship designers on the eve of World War II in a race against time to create the greatest battleship ever. If you are a tactical genius, this is the place to show it.

### **Digital High-Definition Films**

**Daily; 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.**

**Stormchasers.** Shown in conjunction with *Powers of Nature*, this powerful and exhilarating digital high-definition film stars hurricanes, monsoons, and tornadoes. Will be shown multiple times daily through December 31 in Nauticus' NEW state-of-the-art, digital high-definition theater. \$3 admission (for members or with Nauticus ticket purchase); \$5 general admission. Call (757) 664-1000 for additional information.

**\*The Living Sea movie will no longer be shown daily in the Nauticus Theater. However, special arrangements will be made for large groups. Call (757) 664-1074 for more information.**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES**

### **Neighborhood Pride Tours**

The Division of Neighborhood Services officially released the 2005 schedule for the Norfolk Neighborhood Pride Tours with a full page ad in the January 27 Compass edition of the Virginian Pilot. The tour program, originally developed to educate and build neighborhood pride, is now entering its seventh year and promises to be even more successful than in years past. While previous tours have focused on general Norfolk annexation history, this year's tour season offers participants the opportunity to take part in theme tours (see below) that include a 30-minute social break sponsored by area organizations and businesses.

| DATE        | NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE TOUR |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| October 8   | Famous & Mysterious Memorials   |
| November 12 | The Downtown Experience         |

For further details, call our new NU Info Line at 441-2400, Extension 232.

### **Oceanview Senior Center Activities**

#### **Regular Events:**

Wednesdays  
60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m.

Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

## **ODU**

### **The Old Dominion University Gallery**

The Old Dominion University Gallery provides the University and regional communities with leadership through exhibitions of contemporary works of art and visual culture that inform, enlighten and educate viewers. Through a schedule of exhibitions by professional artists in all media the University Gallery presents artwork which demonstrates innovative concepts and processes and which introduces current ideas and observations on humanity made by visual artists. The Old Dominion University Gallery receives generous support from the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, the Mary Batten Jacobson Visiting Artist endowment, the Wally Dreyer Gallery Fund and the Telsa Leon Visiting Artist Fund. The Old Dominion University Gallery is located off-campus at 350 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street in the Ghent section of Norfolk. Gallery hours are Tuesdays – Thursday 12-3, Fridays and Saturdays 12-5pm and Sundays 1-4pm. Please call 757.683.2355 or check the website at <http://www.odu.edu/al/art/gallery> for more information.

October 3 – November 6

Rudy VanderLans/Emigre

An exhibition of ten large format digital print pieces by one of the principals of Emigre, representing its history and the history of text design. *Emigre*, a magazine founded in 1984 as a cultural journal to showcase artists, photographers, poets, and architects, coincided with the birth of the Macintosh. Emigre was one of the first independent type foundries to establish itself centered on this personal computer technology. It is also a digital type foundry, publisher and distributor of graphic design related software and

printed materials based in Northern California. VanderLans is presented as part of "Crossings", October 3-7 the 2005 Old Dominion University Literary Festival. 2005 represents the sixth year of Gallery participation in the Festival.

*VanderLans will give a talk on Monday, October 3, at 5:00pm at the gallery preceding the opening reception.*

November 12 – December 18

Exhibitionists 4

An exhibition of artwork by the 2005—2006 studio scholarship award winners from the ODU Art Department.

*Reception: Saturday, November 12, 7:00pm*

Gallery closed December 19, 2005 – January 21, 2006 till 7 pm reception

## **TIDEWATER ART ALLIANCE**

November 29- December 31 2005

Opening: December 1, 7-9 p.m.

### ***Tidewater Art Alliance: Miniature Exhibit***

Annual Juried exhibition for TAA members– at The Hermitage Foundation Museum, Norfolk

*On the importance of being small: Small works invite the viewer in for a moment of intimate connection and lose scrutiny of image and medium. Small scale accentuates awareness of richness and depth of paint, or watercolor's fluidity and varied visual textures in mixed media. Small often allows, even encourages, fragmentation of image as well as inclusion of only that which is essential to communicating the artist's idea.*

(A paraphrased statement by 1993 Miniature Show Juror, Marlene Jack)

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## **VIRGINIA BALLET THEATER**

**Virginia Ballet Theatre**

**2005-2006 Season**

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## *An Evening with Balanchine*

Virginia Ballet Theatre presents *An Evening with Balanchine*, September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Earning the privilege of performing a Balanchine ballet - whose copyrights are tightly protected by the George Balanchine Trust – was earned when Virginia Ballet Theatre first performed *Serenade* in 1997 as part of the Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival.

Balanchine, who founded the New York City Ballet, is widely considered the greatest modern choreographer. His trust allows only a small, exclusive circle of ballet companies to perform his works, which have their own unique neo-classical style, their own specific costumes, lighting, steps and music.

Lorraine Graves, a veteran of Dance Theater of Harlem who has danced many Balanchine ballets, will begin rehearsal Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> with the VBT Company. As a dance mistress for Dance Theater of Harlem for 19 years, Graves is responsible for knowing every part in the production. Virginia Ballet Theatre is privileged to have this Norfolk native here to rehearse the Company prior to Balanchine Trust representative, Victoria Simon arriving.

Victoria Simon, a Ballet Mistress for the George Balanchine Trust, has staged over 25 of Balanchine's ballets for more than 80 companies on every continent in the world; she was one of the first dancers selected by George Balanchine to re-stage his ballets. With her eye for detail and her emphasis on musicality, she is one of the most sought after and respected re-creators of George Balanchine's masterpieces. Ms. Simon, who arrives September 19<sup>th</sup> is responsible for the final process and approval of *Allegro Brillante* and *Serenade* before it goes on stage.

Performances are at The TCC Jeanne & George Roper Performing Arts Center in Norfolk  
September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8pm

October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm

and

The Ferguson Center for the Arts in Newport News

October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

Tickets are \$35, \$28 for adults and \$15, \$12 for children 12 & under. Discounts available for military, seniors, students and groups. Tickets available September 1<sup>st</sup> through

TicketMaster. For more information, call Virginia Ballet Theatre at 757.622.4822 or visit our website at [www.virginiaballettheatre.com](http://www.virginiaballettheatre.com).

### ***The Nutcracker***

The magic returns as Virginia Ballet Theatre takes you on a journey with Clara and her Nutcracker Prince through a battle with the Rat King and a visit from The Sugar Plum Fairy, a dreamy snowstorm to Tchaikovsky's memorable music and a magical journey through a land of sweets in this holiday tradition.

Ferguson Center for the Arts Concert Hall – Newport News, VA

December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10am – *School show - not open to the public*

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:30pm

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2pm & 7:30pm

December 4<sup>th</sup> – 2pm

Harrison Opera House – Norfolk, VA

December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – 10am – *School show - not open to the public*

December 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm

December 10<sup>th</sup> – 2pm & 7:30pm

December 11<sup>th</sup> – 2pm

### ***Cinderella***

The timeless fairytale of *Cinderella* comes to life in this full-length ballet filled with a magical blend of music and dance, comedy and romance. Set to Prokofiev's magnificent score, this fairytale ballet will enchant the entire family.

TCC Jeanne & George Roper Performing Arts Center – Norfolk, VA

April 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:30pm

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:30pm

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2pm

**Season Subscriptions on sale now at 757.622.4822!**

**Single tickets scheduled to go on sale August 1st!**

## **ZOO**

**ZooToDo 2005 - Shakin' Our Tail Feathers!**

***Tickets on sale for Zoo's premier fundraiser***

Tickets are on sale now for **ZooToDo 2005, presented by Bank of America**. Hampton Roads' wildest annual fundraiser takes place on Saturday, **October 8, 2005 from 7:00 pm to 11:30 pm** under the stars at the Virginia Zoo. This 'creative animal attire' party marks its 16th year as your Virginia Zoo's premier fundraising event. More than 1,400 partygoers will sample dishes from a variety of the area's best restaurants. Entertainment by **All That!** and **The Calypso Nuts** will heat up the night and have guests shaking their tail feathers on the dance floor. Back by popular demand, silent and live auctions will feature incredible items and packages on which to bid.

ZooToDo general admission tickets include entrance to the event, two complimentary beverage tickets, and food provided by some of Hampton Roads' finest restaurants. General admission tickets are just \$50 for Zoo members and \$60 for non-members if purchased by September 30, 2005.

VIP tickets are also available and include express entry to the party, access to the spacious VIP tent featuring specialty dishes and service, and four complimentary beverage tickets. VIP tickets are on sale now for \$125 if purchased by September 30, 2005. Group VIP tickets and tables are also available for purchase.

General admission and VIP tickets are available by calling (757) 441-2374 ext. 235 or by visiting the Zoo's website at [www.virginiazoo.org](http://www.virginiazoo.org). ZooToDo 2005 is presented by Bank of America. Additional sponsors include USAA, Aramark, Matrix Capital Markets, Nancy Chandler and Associates, Empire Machinery & Supply, Oncology Associates of Virginia, and Virginia Symphony. You must be 21 or over to enjoy ZooToDo 2005.